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NEED WE SAY MORE...? HAPPY 7th NAKAMA!

FAP! FAP! FAP! :D

HAPPY
VALENTINES
DAY!
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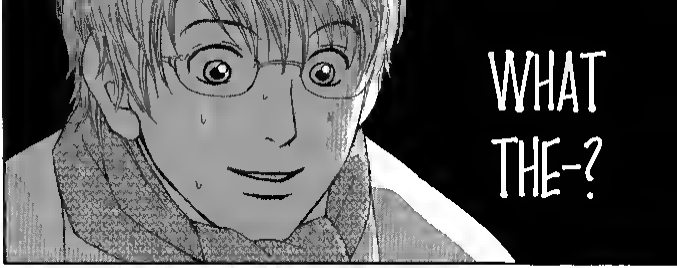
UKE-CATCHING

RABBIT MAN, TIGER MAN CH 1

ON A NIGHT WITH A FULL-MOON, SOMETHING BAD occurred. WHAT IT WAS I CAN'T EVEN SAY.
AH, A CAT!?
AH!
I WON'T HURT YOU. COME HERE.
HELLO-OOO-KITTY-CAT
PSSSSSS
?
STARTLE
CRASH

AHHH!
mew
hee
hee
ARE...
ARE YOU OKAY!?
HELLO? HELLO!?
purr
purr


WHAT THE-?

We should leave here
HE'S PROBABLY PRETTY ROUGH...
Th
his man is probably a weirrrry scary person
It was probably better if I didn't come here!
meow
meow
meow
nyuh
uhn

AH-AH-AHA I'm sorrrrry!!
THAT HURTS!!
squeeze
It- it- will probably hurt a bit but please be... be...strong, okay?
Um... I'm going to put the over the blood and...
HE'S PROBABLY SOMEONE'S MUSCLE OR SOMETHING
My name is Uzuki and I work at University's Bujizoku Hospital!!
Tremble
UM, YES!
WHO'RE YOU ?
I'M GUESSING YOU HAVEN'T CALLED AN AMBULANCE HAVE YOU?
hmm
A HOS-PITAL?
HEY SUZUKI-SAN...
Even my work-place!
AH..
WHAT'D I JUST SAY!?
WHAT?
IF YOU DON'T GET LOOKED AT PROPERLY AT A HOS-PITAL...
OKAY
UH...
AH, BUT...
HAVING A GUNSHOT WOUND NEVER LOOKS GOOD THEY'LL HAVE TO DO AN INVESTIGATION INTO IT
NO DON'T CALL THEM
No... I'll call you one night now... I'm so sorry
Ah
BUT IT'S NOT SUZUKI, IT'S ACTUALLY UZUKI
I was just thinking...
You can't go, you're still...
Ah, I'm fine.

beep
beep
beep
beep
SORRY TO BOTHER YA.
YEAH
AH... AAA...
SO IT'S BROKEN
WHEN THE BULLETS WERE FLYING, MINE TOOK A HIT
I REALLY SHOULD HAVE JUST GOTTEN OUT OF HERE...
...HEY LET ME BORROW YOUR CELL FOR A SEC
EEee!
Twitch
HUH? WHY IS THE BOSS THERE?
OH— AHHHH YEAH— IF YOU CAN'T COME RIGHT NOW, I PROBABLY WON'T DIE, YEAH
SO IF YOU'RE COMING TOMORROW MORNING, LET ME TELL YOU WHERE I AM— UH, HUH— YEAH— I'M ONLY TELLING YOU THIS SO DON'T TELL MY FATHER.
Ring
Ring
Click
HEY THIS TAKA? IT'S ME YEAH
HEY COULD YOU COME GRAB ME... I GOT HURT A BIT
Click
SHI-
DESPITE THIS PLACE BEING DAMN COLD, I'LL HAVE TO SLEEP HERE!

HERE
YOU GET OUT OF HERE.
BEING AFRAID ISN'T UNREASONABLE
But...
But... the blood is still...
WITH THIS ON TOP OF IT I JUST HAVE TO PRESS DOWN AND HOLD IT IN PLACE RIGHT? THEY MISSED MY VITALS AND THE BULLET WENT RIGHT THROUGH ME
OH AND LEAVE THE CAT. HE CAN BE MY HOT WATER BOTTLE
SQUISH
SQUISH
YO LOOK
YOU'RE GOING TO DO WHAT WITH THIS KITTY!?
Mraw!
WHATTYA WANT TO DO, BECOME MY HOT WATER BOTTLE INSTEAD?
Snuggle
Snuggle
DON'T WORRY
ANIMALS ARE MY ONE EXTREME WEAKNESS
reach
meow
YOSH COME HERE!

DAS
WHEN IT COMES TO HUMANS THOUGH I CAN KILL THEM WITHOUT REMORSE.
GOOD-BYE.
TRULY THIS...
IS REALLY A GOOD GU—
HE RAN AWAY WITH IMPRESSIVE SPEED DIDN'T HE?
WHAT WITH THAT WHITE COAT...
...REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING
OH

...Ah
THAT'S IT...
...
A rabbit.
haa
haa
haa
haa
haa
haa
haa
haa
haa

SOMEONE IN THAT SITUATION, SO WOUNDED...
I'M A DISGRACEFUL DOCTOR..
AND I'VE RUIN AW IY...
shu—— -mp
BUT IN THAT SITUATION IT'S HARD TO SAY WHAT I COULD HAVE DONE, DOCTOR OR NOT, BESIDES STOPPING THE BLEEDING...
SINCE THAT GUY CHOSE NOT TO CALL AN AMBULANCE, WHICH IS WHAT HE SHOULD HAVE DONE, IT'S SIMPLY THE CONSEQUENCE OF HIS OWN ACTIONS...
GRRROW!!
THAT TYPE OF LIFE FORCE THE KIND THAT COMBINES A POOR INTELLIGENCE WITH AN OVERBLOWN SENSE OF EGO AND A THIRST FOR EXCITEMENT IS THE TYPE THAT'S LIKELY TO BE SNUFFED OUT QUICKLY
Let's
I SHOULD GO HOME.
"ANIMALS ARE MY ONE EXTREME WEAKNESS."
"BEING AFRAID ISN'T UNREASONABLE."

Ah. I'm such a loathsome, frightened creature!
Mrow!
SLIP
Now!
SLIDE
haa
haa
Mrow!

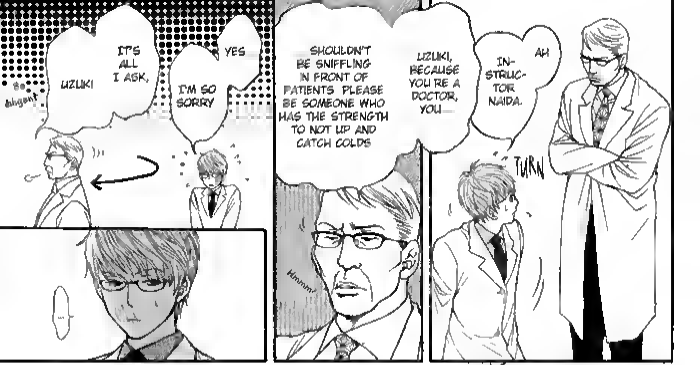
THE BLEEDING HASN'T STOPPED AND I'M STARTING TO LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS...
IT HURTS SHIT
WAIL
MEOOOW
MEW!
HEH, HEH
hee
hee
JUMP
hee
I'M SORRY
hee
hee
I CAME FROM THE HOSPITAL AS QUICKLY AS I COULD...
hee

RUSTLE
IT'S EVEN WORSE THAN I THOUGHT THE DAMAGE TO YOUR VESSELS LOOK QUITE BAD
I'M GOING TO CLOSE UP THE WOUND AND APPLY SOME GENERAL ANESTHETIC
crunch
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A NECESSITY?
I can say it was for an emergency
YEAH PROBABLY
WHY'D YOU COME BACK ?
IS THIS OKAY?
TO USE THINGS FROM THE HOSPITAL FOR YOUR OWN USE?

REALLY HASN'T BEEN ALL THAT GREAT
YOU KNOW TODAY
CHUCKLE
HUH?
RABBIT?
YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF COURAGE DESPITE BEING A RABBIT
GS?
No no...! It's just that this situation
AH!!
WHATTYA MEAN? DOES MEETING ME MEAN THAT YOUR NUMBER HAS COME UP?
Laughing really hurts you! Kaoru
Oh no.
I DID IT
breathes
snore

BYE BYE KITTY
WE PROBABLY WON'T MEET AGAIN, SO BE WELL
Would you like to come with me?
AH, I SEE YOU PREFER TO BE HERE
(Complicated Kitty)
WHILE HIS EYES ARE CLOSED I SHOULD PROBABLY GET OUT OF HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
YAKUZA STYLE
WELL I'VE DONE MY DUTY AND RETURNED
Sigggh
Ah, cold
meow
"HIS MEETING HERE IS THE MOON'S FATE"

AH-CHOO!!
AH-CHOO
YOUR SNEEZES ARE IMPRESSIVE!
AH, DR. UZUKI, YOU HAVE A COLD?
sniff sniff
NGH THIS IS PROBABLY JUST AN OLD ALLERGY
THIS IS NO GOOD!
OH, YOUR EYES HAVE GOTTEN ALL RED ARE YOU OKAY?
LAST NIGHT I WASN'T DRESSED QUITE PROPERLY
AHHH YES
WHAT'S THAT KITTY?
YOU WERE SENT TO THIS PLACE BY MR. MOON?
PUFF
PUFF
THIS WHOLE SITUATION IS ALL YOUR FAULT DAMMIT


IT'S ALL I ASK, LIZUKI
YES I'M SO SORRY
Be diligent
SHOULDN'T BE SNIFFLING IN FRONT OF PATIENTS PLEASE BE SOMEONE WHO HAS THE STRENGTH TO NOT UP AND CATCH COLDS
LIZUKI, BECAUSE YOU'RE A DOCTOR, YOU...
AH INSTRUCTOR NAIDA.
TURN
Mmmm?

SOMETIMES CHANGING TO AN AVERAGE SALARY MAN WITH ITS NORMAL HIERARCHY MACHINE IS
MY RESIDENCY COMING TO AN END IS AS FAR AS MY DREAMS GO BECOMING A SURGEON WOULD BE GREAT BUT

-LD
NO NO THIS IS JUST MY USUAL EVERY DAY COMPLAINT
THERE ARE MUCH WORSE ENVIRONMENTS IN THE WOR-

How'd he find me in this huge place!!?
WH-WH-WHY IS HE HERE!?
WAI-
thump
thump
thump
OKAY. OKAY, DON'T LET IT SLIP...
thump
thump
...
THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU...
Ye-Yes!!
He knows!!
HEY!
HOLD IT!
FUNCY

Someone named "Suzuki"..
SUZUKI
Ah?
YOU HAVE A 'SUZUKI' HERE RIGHT?
SUZUKI MENTIONED WORKING HERE
HM?
I can't really say I know anyone...
If I may ask for what reason...?
OH, IT'S FOR A RATHER COMPLICATED REASON...
WELL DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...
SO HE'S LOOKING FOR ME...?
BUT HE DOESN'T SEEM TO RECOGNIZE ME
HUH?
It's crazy...
Ah hh... is that so...

NO-NAMI
THAT TOOK AN AWFULLY LONG TIME
WHAT DID THEY SAY ABOUT THE HOSPITALIZATION?
WELL...
IT'S NOT REALLY...
HEY TAKA,
ARE YOU DONE?
WHAT?
THEY SAID THEY COULDN'T ADMIT ME TO THE HOSPITAL
BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T FIND ANYTHING WRONG WITH ME AT ALL.
YES, USE YOUR HEAD.
Yes
FLINCH
Huh?
DO YOU WANT TO HAVE THIS YOUNG PERSON TO GO HOME, PASS AWAY, AND HAVE THAT ON YOU!?
EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE NO ABNORMALITIES, SOMETHING'S WRONG!
Ah... but there's nothing wrong with him...?
WHAT'S WITH THIS BEING REFUSED ADMITTANCE? DOCTOR!
Let me just talk to my superiors about per-mission...

HMM——
SO WE HAVE A BIT OF A DISTURBANCE, IT SEEMS...
Hey hey why does a Yakuza want to get into a teaching hosp'tal so badly? That particular gang has its own exclusive dedicated hospital I thought
I know it feels like they have a specific purpose right?
MUST HAVE BEEN A STACK OF MONEY
WELL WE HAVE A PATIENT WITH A VERY MINOR ISSUE BUT WE WILL GRANT HIM THE COURTESY OF PUTTING HIM IN A SPECIAL ROOM - AS WE HAVE AGREED UPON AFTER A BIT OF DISCUSSION
Is there a possibility that there's some guy in this hospital that they're going to kill?
Waaaaah creepy!!!
So in order to gag that information...
ALSO...
THE DOCTOR IN CHARGE WILL BE...
AH... BUT DESPITE THERE BEING NOTHING WRONG THEY'RE MAKING THAT GUY BE ADMITTED
IS THE WORST OF IT THAT I'D FINALLY BE
WAIT, WAIT, DON'T LOOK AT ME
OBVIOUSLY THEY'RE LOOKING FOR ME A LITTLE BIT DON'T SAY SUCH SCARY THINGS!!

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KOTANI TAKANORI

I...
I HAVE BEEN PUT IN CHARGE OF YOUR CASE
UZUKI
IS
MY NAME
U ?
AHHHH.. UNSURPRISINGLY..
AH
IN THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE IT'S WRITTEN "USAGI" (RABBIT) YES
YES!
Yes yes yes yes! "U zuki! Like "Mutsuki" - January" "Kisaragi" - February - "Yayoi" March "Uzuki" - April!! - that's my name!
UZUKI!
AH?
Usagi "!!"?
AH!
I'M BEING SO CLUMSY, HE COULD STILL EASILY HEAR "UZUKI!" FROM THAT, AND IF HE DOES...!!
clumsy
clumsy

NO-NAMI
WHAT ABOUT USAGI?
JUST SOMETHING CAUGHT IN MY MIND
OH
JUST A FEELING
HM
HOW DO YOU KNOW THE NAME AND THE JOB AREN'T LIES?
IS THIS SUZUKI REALLY HERE?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO
CLOSE
nod
nod
YOU ALL CAN HEAD BACK
THUMP
THUMP
AT THAT TIME I WAS ONLY HALF-CONSCIOUS AND OUT OF IT I DON'T REMEMBER THE FACE OR OTHER DETAILS
THERE'S NOTHING FOR IT
IF THE NAME IS A LIE
WON'T IT BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO SEARCH FOR THIS PERSON
DO YOU AT LEAST REMEMBER ANY IMAGES AT ALL?
AHH WELL
I FEEL LIKE I SAW A SMALL ANIMAL
IT RANDOMLY FLICKERED BEFORE ME
AND THEN AS IF IT WAS OVER-WHELMED IT JUST ZIPPED AWAY
I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS THE FAULT OF THE INCIDENT THAT HAD JUST HAPPENED
It floated before me in white-
YEAH
IM-AGES?

A RABBIT, doesn't it?
IT SOUNDS GENERALLY LIKE...
YOU KNOW THAT'S-
PRECISELY LIKE A RABBIT...
Ooooo!
Yeah, yeah!
!?
HUH...?
WHERE DID YOU HAPPEN TO BE LAST NIGHT?
UH
BECAUSE OF THIS FEELING THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU...
Eeee

YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE RED EYES AT THE MOMENT...
DOES THAT HAPPEN TO BE A CAT ALLERGY OF SOME SORT?
YOUR NOSE IS ALSO ALL SNIFFLY ISN'T IT?
IS THAT SO!
It's because I stayed up all night without sleeping and wearing light clothing watching DVDs.
It's.
SWEAT SWEAT SWEAT
As for last night
I stayed a bit late at the hospital but...
ABOUT WHAT TIME WAS THAT?
MMM Mmm I think it was about 1pm?
AND DID YOU RETURN STRAIGHT HOME ABOUT THAT TIME?
HM
IT WOULD JUST MAKE ME CRY IF MY ADORABLE NIGHTINGALE TURNED OUT TO BE A MAN!
IT'S JUST BECAUSE WHEN I FIRST SAW YOU IT DIDN'T FEEL LIKE IT WAS OUR FIRST MEETING, YOU SEE!

What was that now?
IT WOULD ALSO SUCK IF IT WAS A CHICK WITH A BUTTERFACE!
HA!
YOU'RE SUCH A KID TAKA! IT'S NOT THE WOMAN'S FACE THAT'S IMPORTANT BUT THE HEART. SEE THE HEART!
Huh?
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?
IF I MAY SPEAK FOR A MOMENT...
HM
SHUT UP! IT'S A MAN'S NATURE THAT WHEN I SEE A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN MY COCK RESPONDS!
WAAAAAH! WELL SAID YO! EVEN THOUGH ALL YOU PLAY WITH AND HAVE WAITING FOR YOU ARE HOT CHICKS WHO WORK IN BARS
THIS NIGHTINGALE SAID THEY WORKED IN THIS HOSPITAL AND SO HERE WE ARE
IT APPEARS THAT HIS HEART WAS VIOLENTLY AFFECTED BY THIS PERSON
HE FELL DOWN IN AN ALLEY AND SOMEONE HELPED HIM OUT AND
SOMEHOW THIS GUY HERE
Well-
IIII

Yes, who are you calling for?
Uuum.. Mizuki.
Suzuki
Suzuki
Don't turn your name into this way
SHE-SHE'S PRETTY ISN'T SHE?
DO YOU THINK IT'S MAYBE THAT GIRL?
WAIT WE'VE JUST SEEN HER. WE'LL KNOW MORE ONCE SHE'S LOOKED UP. I THINK
BUT IT WOULD BE GREAT IF SHE WAS A BEAUTY WOULDN'T IT?
She's totally my type!
That her?
This is pathetic...
To be set in the sights of a Yakuza!
(Literally)
SO YEAH DOC!
WE WOULD LIKE IT IF YOU JUST WORKED WITH US FOR A BIT ON THIS!

SO WE'LL HAVE TO APPROACH THIS ONE BY ONE AND THOROUGHLY WON'T WE?
Yosh!
Do it! Do it!
DATED LIST FOUND AND HANDED OVER BY UZUKI.
SUZUKI, A
SUZUKI, B
SUZUKI, C
SUZUKI
SUZUKI
SUZUK
SUZUK
AGE 25
AGE 30
AGE 24
AGE
It's such a common name it feels like only a few people must be left.
IT'S SCARY-WIDE SPREAD ISN'T IT? THE SUZUKI CLAN
THERE ARE DOZENS OF SUZUKIS ..
SO...
Nurse do you have a moment?
You totally did it, Man! So is that girl the one!?
Oooooh!
I GOT HER DIGITS
THUMP
THUMP
How did it go?
How did...
FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER...
THAT'S NOT THE WOMAN
NO...
PROBABLY NOT

I SEE...
HUH?
THE NUMBER OF THE PHONE THAT I BORROWED THAT NIGHT TO CALL YOUR CELL
AND THE NUMBER THAT THE WOMAN THERE JUST MESSAGED OVER TO ME ARE DIFFERENT
?
?
beep
beep
beep
CELL
CAN I SEE YOUR CELL FOR A SECOND?
WELL WHY'D YOU GET HER NUMBER?
EH?
JUST HAND IT OVER
RECEIVED CALLS
11/03 22:46
07054M078
11/03 17:37
NONAME
161
SUZUKI
MAMI
090030MM4
AH
AH...
IT'S LIKE THIS
WHY MOST PEOPLE CAN'T BECOME SOMEONE LIKE ME IS BECAUSE THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THEIR INTUITION
YOU ALSO IN ORDER TO ASCEND TO HIGHER RANKS NEED TO FOSTER YOUR ABILITY TO SENSE, ASSHOLE
beep
That's our final resource, Mori
IF YOU JUST THINK ABOUT IT IT'D BE GREAT IF WE COULD JUST REACH THAT NUMBER
WE CAN JUST IDENTIFY THEM BY THAT
beep
beep
beep

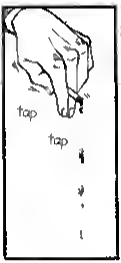
Now I'm an
asshole...
IT'S BECAUSE THAT TIGER ON MY BACK...
ISN'T IN A STATE OF AGITATION FOR THAT WOMAN
SO IT'S ONLY YOUR INTUITION THAT'S TELLING YOU THAT THE GIRL BEFORE IS WRONG?
WELL
WELL-

TWO PEOPLE CROSSED OFF...
FOUR PEOPLE CROSSED OFF...
EIGHT PEOPLE CROSSED OFF
...
THIS IS RIDICULOUS
WHY DO I KEEP CONCENTRATING ON THAT RABBIT MAN

PLEASE QUIT IT WITH THE BLACK MOOD!
IF YOU'RE SAYING THAT SUZUKI SAN IS A DIFFERENT PERSON FROM EVERYONE ON STAFF
SHUT UP.
IF YOU SAY THAT NAME ONE MORE TIME I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!
YOU'RE SAYING THAT NOW BUT
ARE WE JUST GOING TO LOITER AROUND INSIDE THIS HOSPITAL—
TAKING NO OTHER ACTION WITH THIS PERSON?
AREN'T YOU FEELING THAT WE'RE NOT GETTING ANYWHERE WITH—
throb
I WILL NOT LET MY INTENDED PREY GET AWAY
KA-CHINK
EEEEEEE!
WHOOSH
!

SHOULD I CALL HIM ON IT OR SHOULD I JUST OVER-LOOK IT...
WHAT SHOULD I DO... IT'S FORBIDDEN TO SMOKE HERE, BUT...
BUT HE'S REALLY IRRITATED RIGHT NOW, SO I DON'T WANT TO SAY ANYTHING...

EXHALE
Smoke
Smoke
Smoke
Smoke
Smoke
I was so surprised when he did that.
What was that?


tap
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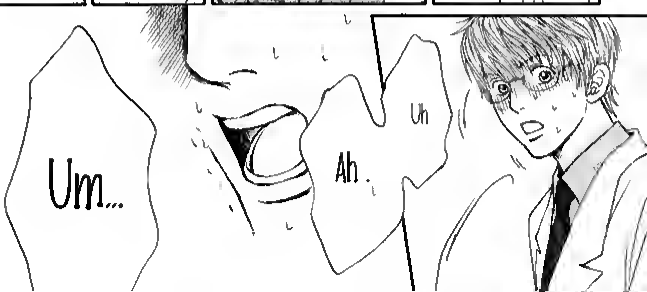
Huh? Because!!

EH FORGET IT...
SHAKE
AS LONG AS NO ONE ELSE SEES IT


Um...
Ah.
Uh

MAY I LEAD YOU TO WHERE YOU CAN SMOKE?
CIG-A-RETTES... OUTSIDE OR IN THE SMOKING ROOM...
UH-OH
DOC?
WHAT WAS THAT?
AND WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU WERE TO START A FIRE ON THE SHEETS.. AND IT BECAME A SERIOUS BLAZE?
TO BRING THAT POLLUTING SMOKE HERE...
THERE ARE THOSE WHO CAN NOT DO ANYTHING THEMSELVES
IN IN THIS HOSPITAL
GULP

PLEASE PUT IT OUT!
THAT CIGARETTE...
I GOT IT.
...
HOLD OUT YOUR HAND.
BUT UNFORTUNATELY THERE'S NO ASHTRAY.
phew...
?
?

BECAUSE YOU'VE STOOD UP TO A YAKUZA
YOU MUST HAVE EXPECTED SOMETHING LIKE THIS. HUM?
IT'S FINE MAKING THE PALM OF THE HAND INTO AN ASHTRAY
YOU MUST'VE SEEN THIS SORT OF THING ON TV OR IN MANGA RIGHT?
HMM?
YOUR DOMINANT HAND
THE RIGHT.
NOT THAT ONE

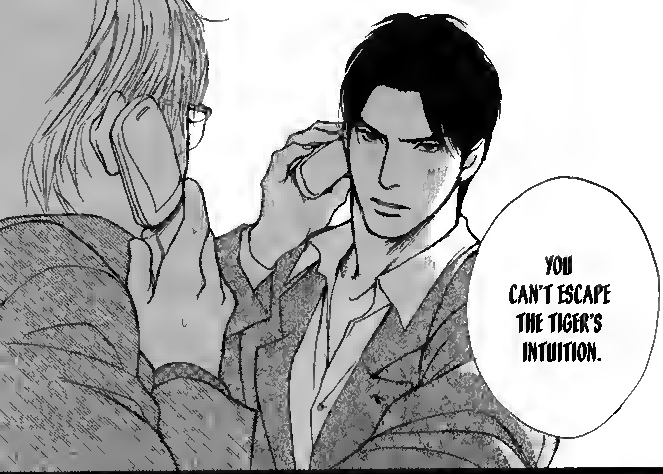
SLAM
step
step
step
AWWW
SO HE ACTUALLY RAN AWAY. HUH?
HE LASTED A LONG TIME BEFORE HE LIPPED AND RAN AWAY LIKE THAT.
BY ALL APPEARANCES, HE WAS GOING TO GO THROUGH WITH IT.
shake
shake
shake

hoaa
THIS SUCKS
TOMORROW THOSE YAKUZA ARE STILL GOING TO BE IN CHARGE
AFTER I MADE HIM MAD AND THEN RAN AWAY
WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO THE NEXT TIME WE MEET?
YOU!! YOU THINK YOU CAN RUN AWAY!?
I'LL TAKE A FINGER, YOU BASTARD!
shudder
SHAKE SHAKE

KNOCK
KNOCK
BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, IT WOULD BE BEST IF I GET OUT OF THE HOSPITAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I TRY TO HIDE IT, THE REVELATION OF THE FACT THAT I'M HIS "NIGHTINGALE" IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME.

HM?
ring ring ring ring
...YES?
INCOMING CALL
UNKNOWN NUMBER?
WHO COULD IT BE...
...
I FINALLY FOUND YOU, USAGI.
?
...
HELLO?
A PRANK CALL?
HELL-OOOO...
I'M GOING TO HANG UP?
...

FROM BEHIND ME...?
THE VOICE IS...!
HAND
WAS THE HIDING GAME FUN?
I SPY YOUR OH-SO-WHITE EARS YOU SEE
NO MATTER HOW WELL YOU HIDE
IT'S TOO BAD



The Rabbit was fixed by the glare of the tiger...

RABBIT MAN, TIGER MAN CH 2

U—
UWAAH—

HE'S ANGRY...
uh
Uh
It's that
It's
You see
HURRY UP AND OPEN THE DOOR!
You're going to come inside?
UH
Ah, yes!
WE'RE GOING TO ATTRACT ATTENTION HERE RIGHT?
I CAN HEAR THE REST OF YOUR EXPLANATION INSIDE
...
Clank
Hmm
MAYBE HE ISN'T ACTUALLY GOING TO KILL ME...
RIGHT ?

I AM SO SORRY ...
"I AM SO SORRY", HUH...?
NO! That's...
YOU GONNA DEMURELY OFFER ME A BLOWJOB?
AND NOW WHAT?

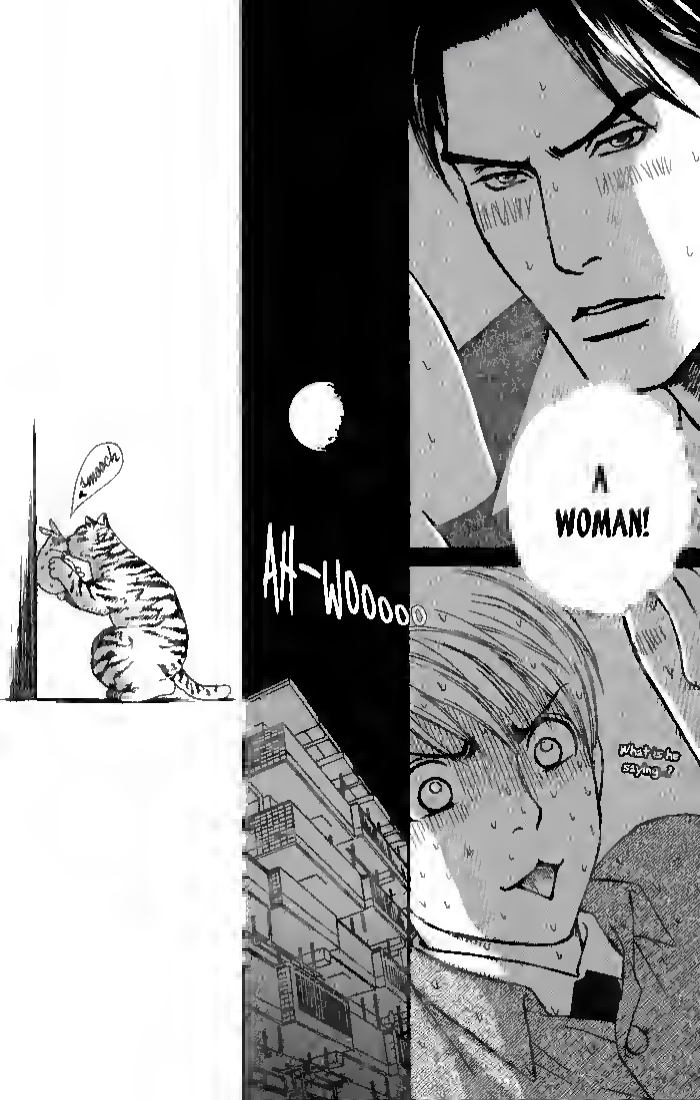
YOU FEEL LIKE GETTING SCREWED?
HOO... I'VE GOT IT WRONG?
I... I am so very sorry...
YOU KNOW...
...I'VE HEARD SUCH AN APOLOGY.
...THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME...

HUH!?
PULL
PUSH
Wah!
Wah!
WAH!
WAH! WAH! WAH!
Wah!
Wah!
FLAIL
FLAIL
SHOCK
NO RUNNING AWAY LIKE YOU DID THIS AFTERNOON
U-UWAAAH!
HEEEEE!

Uuuuu
Oh?
Ooh
?
Huh?
Tremble
Tremble
START
Wiiiiiind
DAMN IT
...I CAN'T HIT HIM

SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE THIS GUY DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A GUY AT ALL!
JUST LOOK AT THAT FACE! HIS HEIGHT!
WOULDN'T IT FEEL JUST LIKE ASSAULTING SOMEONE'S LITTLE SISTER!?
WHAT THE HELL WHAT THE HELL THAT FACE ON TOP OF EVERYTHING THAT'S HITTING ME RIGHT IN THE HEART!!
I... THIS APPEARS TO BE AGAINST POLICY.
WHY IS THAT? IS IT BECAUSE HE LOOKS LIKE A RABBIT?
IS IT BECAUSE I WAS RAISED IN AN ANIMAL-LOVING HOUSEHOLD AND AM TOO KIND TO HIT HIM?
NO... I'VE MET SEVERAL GUYS THAT HAVE ANIMAL-LIKE CHARACTERISTICS AND I COULD HIT THEM WITHOUT ANY HESITATION
WAIT WAIT WAIT
... I'M NOT A MAN WITH A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN LOLITAS
BUT DESPITE THAT DESPITE EVERYTHING...

THEY'RE BOTHERING ME...
YOUR GLASSES...
...
HEY...
AH... UM...
CLOSING IN
YOU'RE STILL HIDING, AREN'T YOU, DOCTOR?
MY INTUITION... YOU ARE...
WHA...?
Heart Strings
I'm sorry...
I'm...
Ah!
?
GRAB


Ah-Wooooo
A WOMAN!
What is he saying?
Smack

HOOOOOOH
Nnn
Nnnn
Nnn
WAH
WAH
WAH
BUW-
AH!
I...
I'm a man!!
YOU'RE LYING!
THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD BE THIS INTERESTED IN A GUY!!!
YOU THINK YOU CAN PULL A FAST ONE ON ME!?
AAK
HYAAAA..

FLINCH
GRAB
HEY WHAT IS THAT...?
It's my PENIS..
HEEE!
WHAT IS THAT...?
WHAT IS THAT...?

SLAM
My..
My..
MY PENIS
I'M OUT
CLACK
HAVE I BEEN
EXHAUSTED
...SET FREE?

...DOESN'T THAT MAKE THEM A "NIGHTINGAY"!?
HA
HA
HA
If your nightingale has a penis...
AND YET THERE'S SOMETHING SOME-THING...
DEPRESS-ING ABOUT THAT
BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE HAVEN'T WE TAKEN CARE OF EVERYTHING, THEN?
YEAH, BUT THE FACT THAT IT'S DOCTOR RABBIT
DON'T GO OVER-BOARD WITH THE COCK JOKES TAKA-KUN...
It ends with "-sle" "-sle"s
Don't end it with a "-gay" idiot!
WELL SAID, WASN'T IT! THAT'S THAT AND THIS IS THIS!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING...
Right?
WHO THE HELL BURNS FOR A DUDE?
NOT LIT
NO!
Isn't that what you told me?
BUT... BUT BUT IN TERMS OF THAT DOCTOR, WEREN'T YOU ABLE TO DETECT HIM THROUGH THE INTEREST OF THE TIGER CHAN ON YOUR BACK?

Ah, and yet it's been nice to have the nurse-sans always so close...
ALSO, THIS NOT BEING ABLE TO GO OUTSIDE AND CONTINUALLY HAVING TO SLEEP IN THIS BED HAS BEEN STRESSFUL ON MY BACK.
SHALL WE PREPARE TO GET OUT OF HERE?
scr itch!
scr itch!
HAAAA...
HUH?
I MEAN THIS HAS ALREADY HIT A WALL RIGHT?
THE BODY'S NO GOOD SO YOU DON'T WANT TO GO FURTHER
Knock Knock
I've come to..
..check up..
timid
Um..
OPEN
Please excuse me...
Yes, yes!
AH

AH
THAT'S NOT REALLY NECESSARY
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
Ah. I'll take your temperature.
Uuuu

BUT TO GET TO THE POINT...
NOW WE'VE REACHED THE GOAL OF WHAT WE CAME HERE TO DO. WE CAN BE DISCHARGED AT YOUR FACE—
IT HURTS.
IT'S A THROBBING "THU-DUNK THU-DUNK", THIS PAIN!
IT HURTS!! WHERE THE BULLET HIT ME!
HUH?
IN THE WORLD OF THE YAKUZA, FAMILIAL RELATIONS ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY
THERE'S SOME OTHER KIND OF REASON CAUSING IT
EH?
HAS HE NOT RECEIVED ANY MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR THAT?
UDDO
H = unbearable
Ouuuuu
AHHHH— THAT WOULDN'T DO VERY MUCH
THIS IS ONE WOUND THAT THE DOCTORS AT OUR PARTICULAR FACILITY CAN'T EXAMINE

glare
TWITCH
Ahh...
I feel cold...
Even though... I'm right in front of your eyes...
What-what?
...in such a state...
If I... don't get examined I think I'm going to die...
...
I'LL EXAMINE YOU RIGHT NOW, PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT!
THERE ARE A COUPLE OF NECESSARY SUPPLIES I HAVE TO GET FIRST!
...
SPRING
Ah, he's gone.
clack

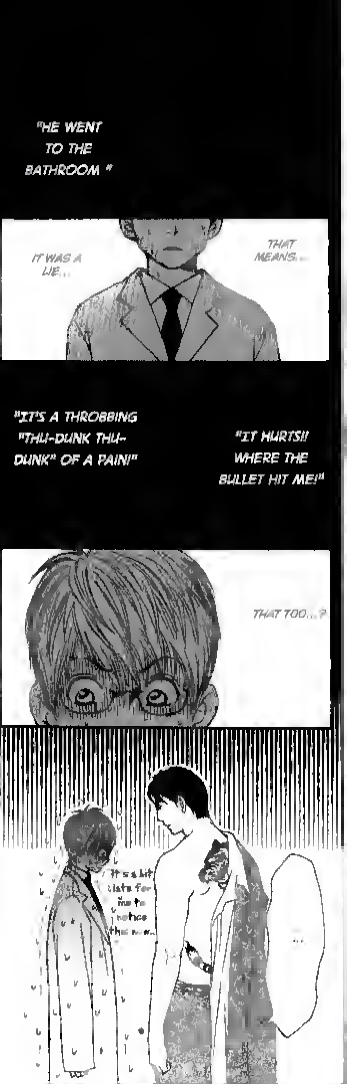
DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING
NO
IT'S NOTHING
MY HOSPITAL STAY... WILL IT BE EXTENDED?
AH... IT'S GOOD YOU UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION...
I'M SORRY
I NEED SOME POVIDONE IODINE FOR FURUYA-SAN IN ROOM 102.
ALSO GAUZE FOR MY OWN USE, PLEASE...
AH, OKAY
HEY
YOU SAID FURUYA SAN IN RM 102...
Eeeeeeeeeh?
If that's the case, the yakuza really are quite violent aren't they...
It's not so bad that it needs stitches, isn't it, regardless...
And all of that opened a wound...
Somehow he turned around in his bed too quickly and hit his head.
Ah, Ah...
UZUKI-KUN.
WAAA-AAAAH!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I STILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS LEVEL OF DECEPTION.
It's a lot of work getting medical supplies...
GULP
ISN'T HE THAT PARTICULAR PATIENT? WHAT IS IT YOU NEED TO DISINFECT?

Ah... Ahhhhhhh
What's wrong? Are you instructing residents even here...?
WHAT'S THAT, WHY SO STARTLED? THAT'S QUITE THE OVERREACTION, DON'T YOU THINK?
A HA HA HA HA
I ASK BECAUSE IN THE BEGINNING OF THEIR STAY I BELIEVED THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION WAS TO JUST SAY "DO WHAT YOU MUST." AND LET IT GO...
BUT, AS A DOCTOR, TO BE FACED WITH A PERSON WHO BELIEVES THEIR BODY IS SICK AND IT'S NOT GETTING BETTER, KNOWING YOU MUST EXAMINE THEM, BUT THEN HAVING THE RESULTS STILL COME BACK SAYING THEY'RE HEALTHY WELL, DOESN'T IT NAG AT YOUR CONSCIENCE?
AS TO THAT PARTICULAR QUESTIONABLE PARTY
HOW LONG
ARE THEY PLANNING TO REMAIN?
BUT SUCH IS THE CASE
EVER SINCE THAT PARTICULAR PARTY ENTERED OUR HOSPITAL...
YOU'VE BEEN SLACKING ON YOUR OTHER PATIENTS WHO SHOULD ALSO HAVE AN EQUAL CLAIM ON YOUR TIME... IS THAT NOT CORRECT?
AND ALSO NURSES AND INJURIES TO TAKE CARE OF...
IS A PERSON WHO SETTLES THE ISSUE WITH MONEY HEALTHY...?
That Smooth-talker
I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU WERE TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO LEAVE. DON'T YOU AGREE?
EEEEE-HHHHH?
NO, NO, NO,
I-I-I can't be the one to tell them anything...
DO I HAVE TO MAKE MY POINT EVEN CLEARER FOR YOU? REPEATEDLY?
YES?
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT...

I'll be going now
Hey, Taka-kun shouldn't you be going to the bathroom
Oh, little pain
OH...
YOU'RE ALONE HERE...?
HE WENT TO THE TOILET
I HAVE TO "ENCOURAGE" THEM
AH WITH ANY LUCK, I THINK THEY'LL BE OUT OF HERE SOON ANYWAYS BUT...
TOMORROW THIS BUILDING AWKWARDNESS AND THIS MULTIPLYING TENSION AND...
OKAY PLEASE SHOW ME YOUR WOUND
IT'S JUST US TWO...?
I NEED YOUR CLOTHES OUT OF THE WAY SO I CAN APPLY THE ANTISEPTIC AMONG OTHER THINGS.
knock knock
THIS IS UZUKI HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
rustle
AH.
IT'S NICELY CLOSED UP ALREADY, IT SEEMS...
AT THIS POINT I WOULD THINK IT WOULD BE OKAY TO TAKE THE STITCHES OUT, AND APPLY MEDICINE DIRECTLY TO THE SKIN...
BUT IF IT IS STARTING TO ACHE TERRIBLY...

AH...
BUT...
IT CALLS TO MIND ONE OF HEIDI'S LITTLE BABY LAMBS. THE FEELING THE NAME GIVES PERFECTLY DON'T YOU THINK?
DOES YUKIHIRO BECOME "YUKI-CHAN"?
Neeee
I STILL DON'T KNOW YOUR OTHER NAME
HUH?
JUST INTERESTED IF IT'S SOMETHING LIKE "TYCHI SHI" OR "HINATA" OR SOMETHING LIKE...
DOCTOR WHAT'S YOUR FIRST NAME?
UNEXPECTEDLY MUNDANE
HOW
IT'S YUKIHIRO
AH
chuckle
THE FIRST TIME I SAW IT I WAS SO THINKING "I WANT ALL OF THAT!"
DIDN'T WATCHING "HEIDI" ALWAYS MAKE YOU HUNGRY? ALL THAT BREAD AND CHEESE AND COW'S MILK JUST LOOKED SO TASTY
THAT AND "MY FATRASCHE"* ARE TWO ANIMATIONS THAT MOVE ME EVEN NOW
OHH
HM?
SO YOU WATCHED "HEIDI"?
I'm actually remember it
I REMEMBER THOSE SCENES OF SATISFACTION VERY WELL..
ESPECIALLY DURING THOSE TIMES WHEN I SEE THE FIGURE OF ONE OF MY PATIENTS BEING DISCHARGED
*A Maria Louise Ramé's A Dog of Flanders animated adaptation from 1972 (Wikipedia)

EH—
SO
AH, NOT AT ALL THERE ISN'T ANYONE
AH,
YOUR LOVER MUST BE JEALOUS OF THAT, RIGHT?
IS YOUR MIND FILLED WITH THOUGHTS OF YOUR PATIENTS DOCTOR?
IF THERE'S NO ONE HOLDING YOU BACK, DOCTOR, THEN THAT'S A GOOD REASON TO MAKE YOU MINE.
IT'S NOT THAT I'M HUNGRY...
...BUT I FEEL SOMEHOW INVIGORATED.
Huh...?
WHENEVER I SEE YOU FOR WHATEVER REASON...
(CREAK)


"HE WENT TO THE BATHROOM."
IT WAS A LIE...
THAT MEANS...
"IT'S A THROBBING "THU-DUNK THU-DUNK" OF A PAIN!"
"IT HURTS!! WHERE THE BULLET HIT ME!"
THAT TOO...?
It's a bit late for me to notice that now...
...

Somehow Invigorated
Somehow Invigorated

COLD SWEAT
"IF THERE'S NO ONE HOLDING YOU BACK, DOCTOR, THEN THAT'S A GOOD REASON TO MAKE YOU MINE."
EXIT CONFIRMED
glance
FWOOSH
Yuuki
FWOOSH
Eiichi
Eeeeee!
GR
AB
YUP
CAUGHT ONE RABBIT

bouncey
Noooo...!!!
CREAK
AH
FLING
THUNK
Snort
Snort
THUNK
THUNK
GYOWAAAAAAAAAA!

.....
I'VE NEVER BEEN TO PRISON MYSELF, SO I DON'T HAVE FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE. BUT IF I CAN GET IT U... AND BECOME USED TO IT, THAT'S A GOOD ENOUGH REASON, RIGHT?
DID YOU KNOW? AMONG THE YAKUZA...
THERE'S A LOT OF TALK ABOUT HOW GUYS GO TO PRISON, AND WHEN THEY GET OUT, THEY'RE ATTRACTED TO MEN.
YOU'VE GOT AN ASS!
...a man...?
But I'm

SO YOU WATCHED "HEIDI"?
shiver
shiver
Hmm
FLINCH
CREAK
LET'S GO!
JAN... (ONE) KEN... (TWO)
LET'S PLAY ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS ALL RIGHT? IF YOU WIN, YOU CAN RUN AWAY DOCTOR.
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF I WIN, YOU'LL TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES OKAY?
DAMN IT
CAN'T YOU MAKE A FACE THAT SHOWS YOU'RE ENJOYING THIS AT LEAST A LITTLE BIT!?
YES!
PON!!! (THREE!)
GLARE
FIGHTING SPIRIT

I'M NOT BUSY AT THE MOMENT.
NOT AT ALL.
I'M SURE YOU'RE BUSY WITH YOUR OTHER DUTIES
I'M SO SORRY THAT YOU HAVE TO GO THIS FAR ON THESE WALKS WITH ME
AHHH, WELL YOU COULD SAY IT'S SCARY BUT—
HMMM?
YOU'VE BEEN ASSIGNED THE CARE OF THAT YAKUZA PATIENT I'VE HEARD? IT MUST BE DIFFICULT I'VE HEARD IT'S AN ABSURD SITUATION!
ISN'T IT SCARY?
UH, WELL...
THEY DON'T REALLY APPEAR TO BE BAD PEOPLE...
IF I THINK ABOUT IT

JAAN -KEEEN- PON!!
HOW ABOUT WE GO ONE MORE TIME
YEAH
OKAY
SCIS- SORS ROCK
JAN-KEN-PON!
PAPER
SCISSORS
JAN-KEN-PON!
OKAY ONE MORE TIME!
ROCK
PAPER
WAAAH! I'm SORRY!
YOU! ARE YOU PUTTING ME ON!?
Ooooh, the Doctor's smiling!!
Chuckle

I WIN. I'VE SEEN IT TWICE.
SO HE CAN SMILE PROPERLY. IT'S BETTER THAN THAT SICKLY FLINCH HE'S ALWAYS GOT GOING ON
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT TIGHT SPASM OF A SMILE.
WHAT THE HELL. THAT'S ANIME TALK. LIKE WHEN IT'S ALL TENSE AND YOU NEED TO LIGHTEN THE MOOD
FOR ME THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THAT GUY BE WITH SOMEONE ELSE AND SMILE WITH HIS WHOLE FACE
HEY, TAKA-KUN...
HOW WOULD I GO ABOUT MAKING HIM MINE...
NONAMI-SAN YOU COULD GET ANYONE TO FALL FOR YOU BUT DON'T GET CAUGHT UP IN THIS DREAM—OKAY?
WHAT WILL WE DO WITH THE GUYS IN THE GANGS BENEATH US IF YOU TURN "THE OTHER WAY" NO MATTER WHAT THE REASON?
AND... SOMETHING ELSE TO THINK ABOUT THERE ARE THOSE AMONG OUR OWN GUYS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU GO UNDER, NONAMI-SAN
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT.

HAS KUMADA CONTACTED YOU?
NOT AT ALL.
NO
YOU CAN STILL BE HIT BY A BULLET OUT IN THE OPEN!
DON'T BRAG SO OPENLY!!
SO HARD!!
It's because I've become such an important guy, right?
I SEE
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT NONAMI IS CAUGHT UP AT THE HOSPITAL?

I'D JUST BEEN THINKING ABOUT HOW HE HASN'T BEEN HERE RECENTLY—
WHAT A HORRIBLE SHOCK!!
Huuuuuh?
THE TALK IS HE'S SKILLFULLY LURING HIM IN ORDER TO GO MEET A WOMAN HE'S EYING
THAT PARTICULAR YOUNGER BROTHER.
I HEARD IT WAS JUST HIS YOUNGER BROTHER WHO ENTERED
Oh, I'm sorry, Mama!!
THEREFORE FOR HIM TO BE OBSSESSED—NOW THERE'S SOMETHING YOU DON'T HEAR VERY OFTEN
WHEN IT COMES TO THAT GUY AND WOMEN, HE'S NEVER HAD A PROBLEM PULLING THEM IN NOT SINCE WAY BACK
HMMM... THIS PARTICULAR WOMAN HE'S GOT HIS EYE ON—
DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD GO GET A GOOD LOOK AT HER?
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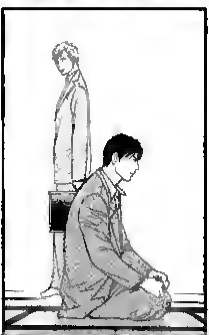
FUNNY HOW WE GET SO MANY NIGHTTIME EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AROUND THIS TIME HUH?
UZUKI YOUR PHONE WAS RINGING.
YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?
Of-Of course not!
I think it was yours.
?
CLICK
beep
15 MISSED CALLS
Wha- fifteen!?
CALL HISTORY
5/20 23:42
YAKUZA-SAN
5/20 23:28
YAKUZA-SAN
5/20 21:34
YAKUZA-SAN
5/20 20:55
YAKUZA-SAN
beep
!!
HOW INAPPRO-PRIATE...
REALLY? BACK IN MY HOME-TOWN I GOT CRAPLOADS OF CONDOLENCE PAYMENTS IN FEBRUARY.
ISN'T IT JUNE?
So many night shifts!
AREN'T THEY USUALLY IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY?

RABBIT MAN, TIGER MAN CH 3

HOME OF FUJIMOTO, THIRD LEADER OF THE SHOWA GROUP

SLIP
HERE ARE THIS MONTH'S FEES.
...ALL HERE.
GOOD. TAKE IT AWAY.

creak
SLAM



...
YES, SIR.

YOU DIDN'T CALL ME ALL THE WAY HERE TO MAKE ME PAY MY DUES, DID YOU?
SO?
I CALLED YOU HERE TO CONFIRM THAT AND TO WARN YOU
THAT I SHOULD REMIND YOU TO COLLECT YOUR PAYMENTS TOO
I HEAR YOU'VE BEEN BUSY CHASING LADIES AT THE HOSPITAL. SOMEONE WHO'S WORRIED ABOUT YOU DROPPED ME A HINT
HASN'T THE DOCTOR TOLD YOU TO STOP SMOKING?

exhale
clink
I HAVE CANCER
I HAVEN'T GOT LONG TO LIVE
I'VE LIVED LONG ENOUGH
I WON'T FIGHT THE FLOW
RING
RING
RING
Boss...
HUH?
THUMP
THUMP
IT'S BEEN A DAY SINCE HE CALLED BUT I HOPE IT'S OKAY

Beep
RIIIING
RIIIING
OH NO... I SHOULD'VE CALLED BACK SOONER.
RIIIING
Not a problem...
Sorry...
Oh! Um...
BIP
I'M GONNA FUCK YOU UP!!
WHO THE FUCK ARE YOU, CALLING AT THIS TIME!?
CLICK
What was that?
beep
beep
I could've sworn I heard that from here.

STILL THE SAME
chuckle
YOU CAN SAY THAT
I HAD POTENTIAL FOR THIS JOB THOUGH, DIDN'T I?
I REMEMBER BEFORE YOU CAME TO THIS SIDE...
YOU USED TO BE THE MOST DAMNED WELL BEHAVED LITTLE BOY.
WHO ELSE KNOWS ABOUT YOUR CONDITION, BOSS...?
WHAT?
HM?
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
THE DOCTOR...
AND TANISHIGE, WHO'LL BE ADVISOR IN MY PLACE...

I SEE

DOC YOU COULDN'T HAVE PICKED A WORSE TIME

UM...
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM
SO TODAY, IS HE...
I BETCHA NONAMI SAN WAS REALLY PISSED OFF!
UM... BUT IT WAS LATE AT NIGHT WHEN I SAW HIS CALLS AND I DIDN'T WANT TO WAKE HIM UP...
YOU SHOULDA CALLED HIM BACK RIGHT AWAY!
WHY DO I HAVE TO PLAY "HANAFUDA" WITH HIM...?
*Japanese cards
HUH?
HE'S IN KOBE.
Since yesterday
LOOKS LIKE HEADQUARTERS CALLED HIM OUT
SLAM!
I CAN IMAGINE WHY THOUGH
Having a fun little time, aren't you guys? Playing a little card game, are we? Exciting?
What the hell are you doing, huh...?
Huh?
IS THAT WHAT IT'S ABOUT?
That was fast
OH
WELCOME BACK
GLARE

GUNCH
WHIR
I-I'm sorry
I was in the operating room all of last night.
YOU DIDN'T PICK UP ANY OF MY CALLS
I did the inserting... but you told me not to call back.
EVER THINK OF CALLING BACK, HUH!?
THAT MEANT YOU SHOULD CALL BACK LATER!! KEEP CALLING UNTIL I TELL YOU NOT TO!!
HERE
A SOU-VENIR
Jingle
A tiger, stupid.
Kobe means Hanshin Tigers, and that means tiger merchandise all over the streets.
Put it on like this, and... there, ain't it cute?
Eww, lame
This is...?

Jingle
HUH?
DON'T LET IT OUT OF YOUR SIGHT
I'M ACTUALLY A GIANTS FAN.
OF COURSE I CAN'T SAY SO
It's so cute...
Wow... thank you so much.
DOG
PLEASE
HUH?
No way~~~~ You're gonna clean it up!
All right, now that that's settled, how about a game of oichokubou*?
Lessons over
OKAY
*a game played with hanafuda cards, similar to Black Jack

I'll deal.
No, stupid. I'm the dealer
I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS CAPABLE OF SAYING SUCH SERIOUS LINES...
KIND OF MADE MY HEART RACE
WHAT HE JUST SAID...
...IT'S NOT A BAD FEELING THOUGH BEING LIKED... ...EVEN THOUGH HE'S A YAKUZA.
DOG COTTON SWABS
TO ME
Push
WH-WHY ME, ANYWAY?
LOOKS-WISE, I'M NOTHING SPECIAL...
BUT EVEN AFTER HE FOUND OUT I WAS A GUY, HE STILL TRIED TO K... KISS ME...
Huh?
Cotton swabs
WE NEED THEM NOW.

UH?
I can get you cotton swabs... but if you're going to gamble with them...
Ummm-mm...
C... Cotton swabs...?
WE DON'T HAVE MATCHES SO WE'LL USE THOSE INSTEAD. THIS IS A HOSPITAL. YOU GUYS HAVE TONS OF THEM, RIGHT?
NOW!
SWABS!
...
patter
patter

I SHOULDN'T HAVE HELPED THAT YAKUZA AT ALL!
HE KNEW WE WOULDN'T LISTEN. HE SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID ANYTHING IN THE FIRST PLACE.
THAT DOC IS SO DUMB SOMETIMES
I suppose he's forgotten that I saved his life, that little...
Forget being nice to me, he treats me like I'm his lackey!
I take all that back!! Nothing good will come out of him liking me!
Argh, why am I doing this?
I'd rather him beat me up and never deal with me again!

NO MATTER HOW BAD THE SITUATION, HE PROBABLY CAN'T HELP FEELING THE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT
I'M SURE PEOPLE IN HIS DEPARTMENT DON'T DEAL WITH HOPELESS CASES OFTEN.
HM?
I WONDER IF HE THOUGHT WE MIGHT LISTEN.
YEAH, THAT ONE'S DUMB FOR SURE.
WORK'S THE ONLY THING ON HIS LITTLE MIND
"I WON'T FIGHT THE FLOW."
"I HAVEN'T GOT LONG TO LIVE."
THINGS ARE GONNA GET BUSY.
THE THIRD HAS CANCER.
YUP.
"THAT" IS WHAT IT'S ABOUT.
FOR NOW, TANISHIGE AND I ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT KNOW.
ARE YOU SERIOUS...?

*uncle is a term used by the yakuza, referring in this case to a leader of another gang under the same group

HE'S SWORN BROTHERHOOD WITH UNCLE* MURAKAMI... RIGHT?
TANISHIGE... CHIEF OF HEADQUARTERS?
BUT MURAKAMI IS ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH TANISHIGE SO SHOULDN'T HE KNOW TOO...?
I COULD UNDERSTAND THE THIRD TELLING HIM ABOUT HIS CONDITION
CHIEF TANISHIGE WOULD NATURALLY BE NEXT IN LINE BEING THE BOSS' RIGHT ARM...
BUT HE DOESN'T. AND THE THIRD TOLD ME INSTEAD. HE ISN'T GONNA BE HAPPY
Wha...
HEY. GIMME A PEN.
What're you gonna do!? He's probably the one that set the hitman on you!! If he finds out about this, he'll be even more...

"HEY NONAMI

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME THE FOURTH?"

TANISHIGE'S THE ONE THAT SET THE HITMAN ON ME, DUMBASS.
Huh?
Oh
Are you alone..?
wheeze
wheeze
wheeze
wheeze
wheeze
CRUMPLE
wheeze
wheeze
TOOK YA AWFULLY LONG, DOC
HE GOT SICK OF WAITING AND LEFT.
CREAK
S..
pant
pant
Sorry I'm late...

Are you stup...
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST JACK 'EM FROM THE HOSP...
I'm going back to work...
Am I hallucinating?
SWISS
You wanted the freaking cotton swabs!
You went all the way to the store to buy them!?
Who?
WHA..
WHAT WAS THAT...?
pant
pant
glance
HE WENT HOME !?
*1. Japanese legend on the moon (particularly when full) there are said to be rabbits making rice cakes.

Omigod~~! Nonami-san, it's been so long~~~
YEAH. HOW HAVE YOU GIRLS BEEN?
We're great!
But we were so lonely because you wouldn't come...
IS IT TRUE YOU HAD THE HOTS FOR SOME NURSE!?
HM? WELL.. YEAH... I DID WANT TO FUCK ONE TO SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE.
IT WASN'T THAT SPECIAL, THOUGH.
YOU GIRLS ARE WAY BETTER. ESPECIALLY AT **, AND BESIDES, WE GET ALONG REALLY WELL.
I'm good at *** too!
OH YEAH? YOU'LL BE COMING HOME WITH ME TONIGHT, THEN
Omigod Don't worry. I'll blow you away!

SO IT LOOKS LIKE NONAMI ISN'T GOING TO THE HOSPITAL ANYMORE. NOW HE'S MATING WITH ONE OF HIS OWN BITCHES.
...I SEE.
HOW BORING.
I GUESS HE GOT TIRED OF THE NURSE.
...
LET'S HOPE HE'S NOT THE ONE DOING THE SWIPING.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN INTERESTING TO SWIPE HER FROM UNDER HIS NOSE.

THE THIRD IS CONSIDERING OTHER PEOPLE BESIDES MYSELF TO TAKE HIS PLACE. AND IT'S NOT YOU. IT'S NONAMI.
WHAT!?
BOLT
"HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME THE FOURTH?" HE SAID.
I HEARD IT STRAIGHT FROM HIM WHEN HE INVITED NONAMI OVER LAST TIME.
DON'T SETTLE FOR TAKING HIS WOMAN. TAKE HIS LIFE.

TAKING HIS TEMPERATURE
...COME BY MUCH THESE DAYS DOES HE?
HE DOES-N'T
HE IS THE GANG LEADER HE'S GOTTA SECURE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY THE GROUP DUES EVERY MONTH
HE'S GOTTA KEEP HIS SUBORDINATES IN LINE MANAGE HIS TERRITORY LOTS OF WORK.
Gang leader!?
WAIT YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

BUT EVEN SO, HE'S ONE OF THE TOP RANKING PEOPLE
August Young
Boss
AND THERE ARE LOTS OF GANG LEADERS IN THE SHOWA GROUP
WELL, NONE OF US REALLY CALL HIM "BOSS" ANYWAY
Hah?
So?
No I...
What you just...
And I'm saying, so?
I SEE... AND ALL THIS TIME I THOUGHT HE WAS MIDDLE-TO-LOWER RANK...
Eeeek!
AND BESIDES HE'S A TODAI* GRADUATE
I GUESS YOU WOULD HAVE THAT REACTION.
AH...
THE GROUP BOSS AND OTHER HIGHER-UPS KNOW THAT TOO, AND THEY RESPECT HIM.
HE'S GOT GREAT INSTINCTS, BUT HE'S ALSO REALLY SMART.
BUT I'M ALWAYS AROUND HIM, YOU KNOW, SO I CAN SEE WHERE THAT'S COMING FROM.
WIDE-EYED
MOST PEOPLE WHO'VE ONLY SEEN THE LAID-BACK SIDE OF HIM USUALLY MAKE THAT FACE.

*Tokyo University = a ridiculously prestigious school

AND, WELL...
THERE ARE ALWAYS SOME PEOPLE THAT DON'T LIKE HIM FOR IT...
SO
CHANGING THE SUBJECT
YES?
YOU'RE SINGLE RIGHT DOC?
DON'T YOU GET PENT-UP?
Huh?
W-Well... I guess... you know...
RIGHT?
ANY HEALTHY MALE HAS A LIBIDO
THEN
WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN SEX WITH ANOTHER GUY?
Huh?
NO, I UNDER-STAND.
YOU'RE A STRAIGHT MALE DOC AND YOU'RE NEVER GONNA END UP IN LOVE WITH NONAMI-SAN
I'm not. I'm sure.
IN THAT SENSE HE'S JUST WANDERED A LITTLE OFF THE BEATEN PATH.
But don't you think you could give him your ass just *once?*

I could never!!
WELL JUST SAYING, YOU KNOW, MAYBE HE'LL BE SATISFIED AND LEAVE THIS PLACE.
THE HOSPITAL WANTS TO KICK ME OUT ANYWAY, DON'T THEY?
I'm counting on you.
Izumi-kun
W-Well.
...WELL, EVEN WITHOUT ME SAYING THINGS
NONAMI-SAN COULD USE FORCE LIKE HE ALWAYS DOES, AND GET THINGS OVER WITH
I'll never get out of here.
WHY DIDN'T HE JUST DO IT?
LIKE LAST TIME...
Okay one more time!!
Jaaan Ken !

Ah. um...
YOU'VE BEEN STAYING OVER-NIGHT AT THE HOSPITAL LATELY HAVEN'T YOU DOC?
HOW LONG UNTIL?
WHAT?
BUT THERE'S BEEN LOTS OF EMERGENCIES LATELY, SO I FIGURED I MIGHT AS WELL SLEEP OVER HERE
THERE'S REALLY NO SET TIME
MAYBE HE'S JUST WASN'T IN THE MOOD
HEY
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW?
THAT'S FINE THEN
UH-HUH...
OKAY
?
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
HEY
I HAVE A MESSAGE
DON'T LOOK, STUPID
Oh? Who is it~?
A MESSAGE!
YOU'VE GOT A MESSAGE

TAP
X-RAY ROOM
CALORIE MATE
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
SUBJECT REPORT
DOC S SAFE
TODAY NO CHANGES
YOU CAN RELAX
ALSO ATTACHING
MY BEST SNAPSHOT
IT'S TAKA
Bffr
Hey, whacha looking at? What's so funny~~~
YOU CAN LOOK AT THE MOON INSTEA
NO
Aww, I wanna see!
HM?
A RABBIT
STOP

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME.
I KNOW.
YOU SHOULD TAKE A BREAK TOO SOMETIME, ALL RIGHT?
I'M GONNA HEAD HOME.
UZUKI, YOU'RE STAYING OVER AGAIN!?
CLOSE
ONE MINUTE HE'S PHONING ME FIFTEEN TIMES
SIGH
TEE-

I'M PROBABLY JUST TIRED
Maybe I'll have some coffee.
ARGH WHAT AM I SAYING??
RISE
SILENCE...
FLIP
IF PEOPLE ARE IN LOVE WITH YOU
— EVEN IF THEY'RE TOO BUSY TO MEET UP
DON'T THEY AT LEAST CALL?

SHOWA GROUP
HUH?
ISN'T THAT WHAT HIS GANG IS AFFILIATED TO...?
And there are lots of gang leaders in the Showa group.
LEADER OF SHOWA GROUP AFFILIATE ATTACKED AT GUN POINT
POLICE ON SEARCH FOR GUNMAN
THE MURAKAMI GANG LEADER MURAKAMI SATORU (45)
THE NEW...
WAS ATTACKED WITH A MAN WIELDING A GUN WHILE COMING OUT OF A RESTAURANT
THE SUSPECT FLED BY CAR.
CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION
LUNGE
...
...Phew, it's not him...
I'm so relieved...

What am I relieved for..?
Relieved..?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING...
thunk
HOW'S YOUR LEG?
THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE.
...Who is he?
I KNOW WHO HE IS
THE HITMAN WHO ATTACKED YOU!

A guy called Kumada
He's a member of Nonami's gang
HUH!?
ringg
ringg
ringg
ringg
ringg
OH NO I WAS ASLEEP!
slurp
INCOMING CALL: YAKUZA-SAN

Hi, I'm sorry!
SPEAKING
Ring
Eeeeek!
Ring
N..No way!
How long has it been ringing for?
HOW MANY FUCKING TIMES YA GONNA MAKE ME CALL!? HUH!?
SHAKE
SLAM!
HERE? ARE YOU HERE??
IS IT JUST ME, OR DOES HE SOUND AS IF HE'S RIGHT TH...
OH MY...

...There you are
Don't act like you've seen a ghost
Geez...
Huh?
Huh?
Wha
RISE

The rabbits aren't making rice cakes on the moon.
...You don't answer your phone
I had a bad feeling!
Rice cakes!
...Huh?
I WAS WONDERING WHAT THE FUCK I'D DO IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU, DOC!

BUT THIS IS LIKE...
HUH?
I was dozing off... and I didn't realize...
WHAT A WEIRDO.
I
GETTING SO WORKED UP...
I'm sorry
WELL,
IF YOU'RE SAFE THAT'S FINE.
I CAN'T STAY LONG
OKAY.
I'M GOING HOME THEN.

HUH?
I... I SAID I'M OKAY WITH IT
IF YOU... UM...
IF YOU WANT TO...
...DO WHAT YOU WILL WITH ME...
...I'm okay with it

...
CAN YOU...
...LEAVE THE HOSPITAL?
Doc, what the hell are you...
B-But...
But in exchange!
ONCE YOU SLEEP WITH ME...
Won't you be satisfied?

WILL I BE SATISFIED BY TAKING YOU LIKE THAT, DOC?
WELL, I'M A GUY AND I HAVE A SEX DRIVE.
MY DICK'LL BE HAPPY IN ANY HOLE. I'M SURE
BUT MY HEART'LL BE CRYING
YANK

clatter
BU MP
CLACK
I GOTCHA, DOC.
I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON YOUR DEAL.
I'LL DISAPPEAR FROM YOUR LIFE.
THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED, RIGHT?

LIFT
SHOVE
...
...
...!
thump
thump
twitch

I KNEW IF I PHRASED IT THAT WAY, THIS WOULD HAPPEN
I'M THE ONE TO BLAME
I'M SORRY, YAMAZA-SAN.

I really wanted to sleep with you
.....!
But the only way I could justify myself..
..was by blaming everything on you
To Be Continued

Jaaaan
~ken
THERE'S A REASON WHY I'M A TIGER
PON!
FIRST WIN AFTER NINE GAMES

W-WELL IT WAS A PROMISE I'LL LET YOU GO BACK
Y-
Yeahhh
I won..
..Ha
Haha-ha.
UH?
WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT? I FREAKING TOLD YOU TO LEAVE.
What? What?
U-Um... but..
I'M STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF TREATING YOUR WOUND.

WH...
WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT THIS SILENCE?
I'M REALLY GLAD I'D OF SAYING ANYTHING STUPID. BUT THIS IS AWKWARD
UHHHH
MMMM
DART
DART
SILENCE...
What happened to it?
The cat!
CAT!
Oh!
DUNNO.
WHEN I WOKE UP, HE WAS GONE.
MEOW
HUH?
OHHH
The white one that liked you a lot.
You know, that cat from when we first met

THE END
Oh, I see.
THE FASTER I GET IT OVER WITH
OKAY
YOU'RE ALL DONE
Right

Your tattoo is so pretty~
HM? YEAH..
I GOT IT DONE BY A FAMOUS ARTIST. MAKES A DIFFERENCE HUH?
WHEN IN DOUBT... SUCK UP
WITH GOOD RESULTS
IT LOOKS ALIVE!
IF YOU WANNA GET ONE, SENSEI, I CAN ARRANGE IT FOR YOU
No... that's fine.
Oops.
IT'S VERY SIMPLE THOUGH, ISN'T IT?
Just a tiger
I ALWAYS THOUGHT THOSE KIND OF PEOPLE LIKED MORE EXTRAVAGANT ONES...
No! I mean-
I didn't mean to say that it was plain, or anything...
shrug
HAVEN'T TOUCHED IT FOR TEN YEARS OR SO NOW
I GOT THE TIGER DONE FIRST AS THE MAIN FOCUS
THIS ONE ISN'T DONE YET
WELL OF COURSE EXTRAVAGANT IS ALWAYS BETTER.

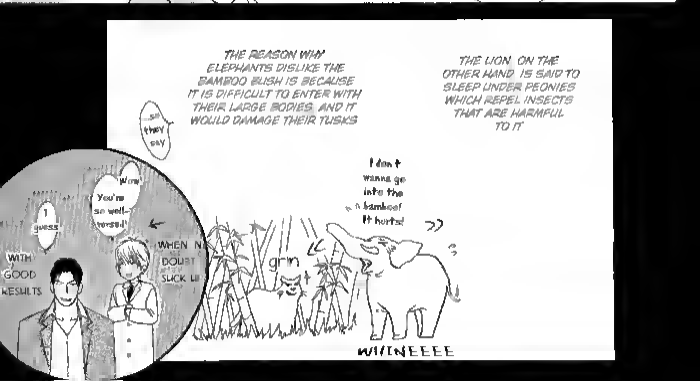
TEN YEARS...
THEN WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO FINISH IT ...?
NO IDEA.
WHEN THE TIME COMES.
BUT JUST TO BE CLEAR, THIS ISN'T FINISHED
And if I say it's not it's not

Like peonies ♪ to a lion~

Bamboo is to a tiger~~ ♪

*an idiom that expresses things that are in harmony with each other

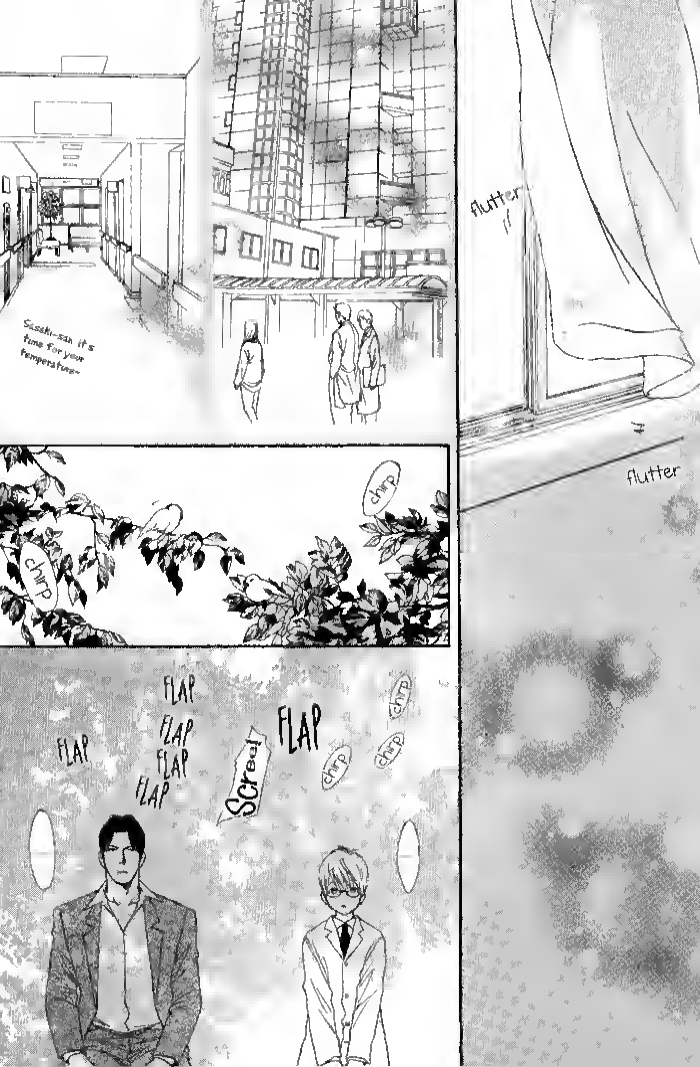
Uh... because they look... nice...?
AHHH, WELL...
THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY WRONG
BUT YOU KNOW HOW THE TIGER'S NEMESIS IS THE ELEPHANT?
THEY SAY IN ORDER TO GET AWAY FROM HIM, A TIGER WOULD HIDE ITSELF IN A BAMBOO BUSH
FOR A TIGER, THE BAMBOO BUSH IS THE PLACE WHERE HE FEELS SAFEST.


THE REASON WHY ELEPHANTS DISLIKE THE BAMBOO BUSH IS BECAUSE IT IS DIFFICULT TO ENTER WITH THEIR LARGE BODIES, AND IT WOULD DAMAGE THEIR TUSKS
THE LION, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS SAID TO SLEEP UNDER PEONIES WHICH REPEL INSECTS THAT ARE HARMFUL TO IT
...SO THEY SAY
I don't wanna go into the bamboo! It hurts!
grin
WIINEEEE
WOW! You're so well-versed!
I GUESS?
WITH GOOD RESULTS
WHEN N... DOUBT SUCK U...

huh?
OH!
SO ARE YOU GOING TO GET BANDAGE PUT ON YOUR BACK AS WELL?
HUH?
Well,
SIT DOWN.
thump
thump
Ummm but I
I have to go back soon.
WHAT!?
Five or ten minutes won't make a difference
SIT DOWN!

SILENCE...
OH NO, AWKWARD SILENCE AGAIN...
SOMETHING FLATTERING AND ALSO MAKES FOR GOOD CONVERSATION
WHAT ELSE COULD I SAY?
um...
You have a very nice body!
Do you work out or-
'KAY, THAT'S ENOUGH

DON'T KILL YOURSELF TRYING TO MAKE CONVERSATION
JUST SIT AND RELAX


Sssshh...ssh it's time for your temperature~
flutter
flutter
chirp
chirp
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
SCreak!
FLAP
chirp
chirp
chirp

I WONDER WHERE THIS AWKWARD FEELING IS COMING FROM
HE GOT REJECTED THOUGH, DIDN'T HE...
DID YOU SEE HOW HARD IT WAS TRYING TO MOUNT THAT OTHER ONE?
COURSE
YOU THINK SO...?
...THAT ONE WAS MALE
swish
swish
swish
swish
swish
swish
swish
RELAXING, ISN'T IT...

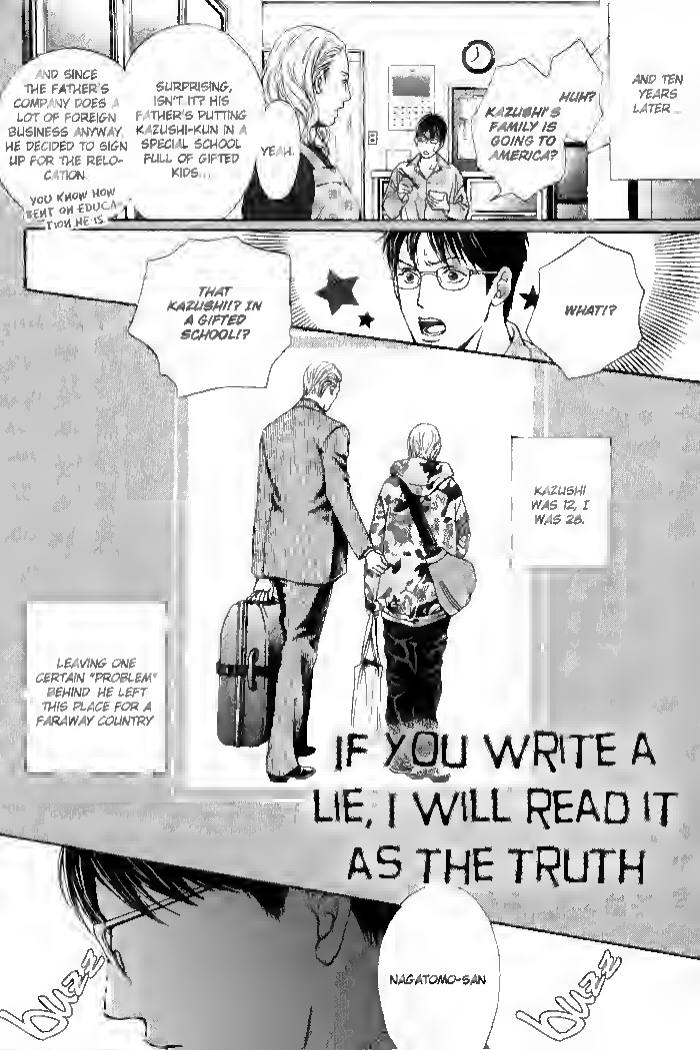
Invoodoo

FWOOSH

RELAX WE DIDN'T EVEN KISS
NAHH I DON'T REALLY WANNA HEAR IT
WHAT, NOT GONNA ASK ANYTHING?
...
...
YEAH
WELCOME BACK.
Not interested in man sorry
GEE I WONDER WHY
blow
WHY DID I HAVE TO GET KICKED OUT, THEN!?
What!?
CAN YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH OLD MAN GODAI FOR ME?
Hey
I wish I knew

Are you finally going to tattoo the rest...!?
Wha...
which means
YEAH.
I'm sorry for taking your time.
It's no problem. I have time to spare right now
"LIKE PEONIES TO A LION, BAMBOO IS TO A TIGER."
HAVE YOU FOUND YOUR PLACE OF COMFORT YET?
End

SO CAN I CALL YOU "AN-CHAN" FROM NOW ON?
YOU KNOW THE "KYO" IN YOUR NAME, KYOHEI?
IT'S WRITTEN "ANZU", RIGHT?"
THINKING BACK I WASN'T WRONG IN THINKING THIS KID WAS A LITTLE DIFFERENT
*KYOHEI IS WRITTEN 杏平 AND 杏 (KYO) IS ALSO PRONOUNCED "ANZU" BY ITSELF
CAN'T I?
EVERYONE'LL CALL YOU "KYOHEI-CHAN",
AND ONLY I'LL GET TO CALL YOU "AN-CHAN".
NO, I DON'T KNOW.. D'AD WAS TALKING ABOUT IT.
YEAH, YOU CAN READ IT AS "ANZU" ... WAIT, KAZUSHI, YOU KNOW KANJI ALREADY? YOU'RE ONLY THREE.
LIH-HUH..
HM?
WELL I GUESS...
HE WAS IN A SINGLE-FATHER HOUSEHOLD WITH NO SIBLINGS I GUESS HE FELT LONELY BECAUSE HE VISITED MY ROOM OFTEN
THIS STRANGE BOY, SIXTEEN YEARS MY JUNIOR, LIVED IN THE APARTMENT BESIDE MINE
NOT HIS THING...? DON'T KIDS LOVE THESE THINGS?
..LIH-HUH..
THE CAST IS ALL GUYS. YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME
...AND I KNOW IT'S RUDE TO SAY SINCE YOU BOUGHT IT FOR ME, BUT...
I DON'T THINK THIS YADRANGER'S PICTURE BOOK IS MY THING.


AND SINCE THE FATHER'S COMPANY DOES A LOT OF FOREIGN BUSINESS ANYWAY, HE DECIDED TO SIGN UP FOR THE RELOCATION.
YOU KNOW HOW KEEN ON EDUCATION HE IS
SURPRISING, ISN'T IT? HIS FATHER'S PUTTING KAZUSHI-KUN IN A SPECIAL SCHOOL FULL OF GIFTED KIDS...
YEAH.
HUH?
KAZUSHI'S FAMILY IS GOING TO AMERICA?
AND TEN YEARS LATER...
WHAT!?
THAT KAZUSHI!? IN A GIFTED SCHOOL!?
KAZUSHI WAS 12, I WAS 28.
LEAVING ONE CERTAIN "PROBLEM" BEHIND HE LEFT THIS PLACE FOR A FARAWAY COUNTRY
IF YOU WRITE A LIE, I WILL READ IT AS THE TRUTH
NAGATOMO-SAN
blink
blink

NEXT SATURDAY WE'RE HAVING A SOCIAL...
IF YOU'RE LIKE FREE
YOU KNOW WE WERE WONDERING IF YOU COULD LIKE COME
UMMM... WELL...
IT'S NOT ABOUT, LIKE, WORK OR ANYTHING...
YES?
IF YOU'RE BUSY, I GUESS THAT'S TOO BAD!
AWWW, I SEE, OKAAAAY!
I HAVE A BIT OF WORK PILED UP BUT I CAN PROBABLY GET IT OUT OF THE W
WELL
SORRY!!
LIKE, OUT OF POLITENESS YOU KNOW? HE'S MY BOSS AFTER ALL AND HE SEEMS LIKE THE TYPE TO CARRY A GRUDGE...
THEN WHY DID YOU ASK?
PHEW, I'M LIKE, SO GLAD I WAS ABLE TO GET HIM OUT OF IT
I DIDN'T KNOW HE'D ACTUALLY LIKE SAY HE'D GO!
AND LOOK AT THE PROTECTIVE SLEEVES! DON'T THEY JUST LIKE, SCREAM NEUROTIC GERMOPHOBE?
OHHH YEAHH I HEAR YOUUU...
REALLY? DID YOU LIKE ASK HIM YOURSELF?
NO, I HAVEN'T
BUT DOESN'T HE JUST LOOK LIKE A VIRGIN? YOU CAN TELL, CAN'T YOU?
I HATE TO ADMIT IT BUT YOU YOUNG'UNS ARE RIGHT
WELL HE'S YOUNG-LOOKING FOR HIS AGE THAT'S FOR SURE...
BUT HE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A GIRLFRIEND ISN'T THAT LIKE SAD?
HOW OLD IS HE AGAIN?
HUH? I DUNNO... LIKE 35?
UH-HUH

SHE DUMPED ME BEFORE WE EVEN STARTED HOLDING HANDS...
WIPE
WIPE
WIPE
WIPE
OH, MY GLASSES ARE DIRTY
AND JUST SO YOU KNOW, I HAVE GONE OUT WITH A GIRL BEFORE
THOUGH IT WAS ONLY ONCE, IN UNIVERSITY!
I'M SORRY BUT I DON'T WANT AIRHEADED GIRLS LIKE YOU EITHER
I CAN HEAR YOU
OMIGOD LIKE I WISH I COULD FIND SOMEONE AFTER-ESTHE GOVERNMENT OFFICERS ARE SO BORING
IS IT MANDATORY TO PUT "LIKE" AFTER EVERY WORD NOW? USE PROPER JAPANESE!! JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE PART-TIMERS IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN HAVE BAD WORK ETHIC!
AGREE
OHHHHHHH NO...
haze
OH BUT..
I HAVE BEEN KISS—
—EV UH-OH
"KOREMORI KAZUSHI"
YES
OH, YOU HAVEN'T PUT DOWN THE PRONUNCIATION FOR YOUR NAME
UM.
flip
KORE MORI KAZU SHI-SAN?
NUMBER 142 PLEASE
THANK YOU FOR WAITING
REGISTERING YOUR RETURN FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY. YES? HAVE YOU BROUGHT YOUR PASSPORT?
NO NO NO, I REMEMBERED SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T HAVE!
wipe
wipe

KOREMORI...
Stare
"CAN I CALL YOU AN-CHAN?"
KAZUSHI...?

13 YEARS AGO
WHOA, 9 PERCENT
34 PERCENT AND
22 PERCENT
16 PERCENT
KAZUSHI, AGE 6
KYOHEI, AGE 22
THIS IS
WELL I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOUR FATHER WOULD ASK ME TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR HOMEWORK
UH WELL I DO. BUT
THERE'S NO GIRLFRIEND TO TAKE ON A DATE ANYWAY RIGHT?
YOU DON'T HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS AND YOU DON'T GO OUT MUCH TO BEGIN WITH
YOU HAVE SUNDAYS
STARTING THIS YEAR I'LL BE WORKING AT A GOVERNMENT OFFICE I'LL BE BUSY AND COMING HOME LATE SO I WON'T
THE ONLY THING IS
YOU KEEP SAYING MAYBE BUT NOTHING EVER HAPPENS YOU'RE JUST NOT TRYING HARD ENOUGH
BESIDES EVEN IF YOU'RE A CIVIL SERVANT YOUR DEPARTMENT DOESN'T GET A LOT OF WORKLOAD SO THEY PROBABLY WON'T CALL YOU OUT ON A DAY OFF IF YOU WERE A PROSECUTOR OR A POLICE OFFICER I'D UNDERSTAND
MAYBE I'LL GET CALLED OUT FROM WORK OR MAYBE I'LL GET A GIRLFRIEND
WELL BUT YOU KNOW
O-OEE. THEN I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE!
ONLY SUNDAYS K?
DAD SAID HE'D BE REASSURED IF YOU TAUGHT ME SINCE YOU'RE SMART AND WENT TO A GOOD UNIVERSITY
THIS KID SURE IS A SMOOTH TALKER FOR THE BAD GRADES HE GETS..
IS HE REALLY?

AND SIX YEARS AFTER THAT
算数
国語
理
社会
55 PERCENT
AND YOUR STRONG SUBJECT LANGUAGE ARTS. AT 86
74 PERCENT
62 PERCENT
KAZUSHI, AGE 12.
KYOHEI, AGE 28.
SIX YEARS AGO I WAS WORRIED HOW YOU'D TURN OUT
BUT SEEING YOU IMPROVE THIS MUCH MAKES ME SO PROUD
MAYBE YOU TEACH WELL.
HM? HMM
WELL I GUESS THAT'S HOW IT WOULD WORK OUT.
I MEAN
OH SOME-THING I WANTED TO SAY
KAZU-SHI
STARTING IN APRIL. THAT IS WHEN YOU GET INTO MIDDLE SCHOOL.
YOUR FATHER AND I TALKED IT OVER, AND INSTEAD OF ME TUTORING YOU ONCE A WEEK,
WE THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU WENT TO CRAM SCHOOL
I DON'T THINK CRAM SCHOOL WOULD HELP
HUH?
WITH CRAM SCHOOL YOU CAN GO THREE DAYS A WEEK
AND YOU COULD GO OUT AND MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS
INSTEAD OF BEING COOPED UP WITH ME
NOTHING
AN-CHAN
THEN YOU MUST BE RELIEVED THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BABYSIT ME ANYMORE

I'LL MISS YOU BUT I'LL LET YOU GO
STARTING APRIL I'LL GO TO CRAM SCHOOL
I CAN'T KEEP CLINGING TO YOU ALL THE TIME AN-CHAN
THANKS FOR EVERY-THING
SMART
YOU KNEW THAT IF YOU SAID "THAT'S NOT TRUE" I WOULD TAKE IT TO MY ADVANTAGE AND STAY
YEAH
HUH?
OKAY THEN
HMPH!
HE GETS MORE AND MORE IRRI-TATING EACH YEAR
I GUESS MIDDLE-SCHOOLERS ARE ALL LIKE THAT
AND HE'S ACTUALLY STOPPED COMING
munch munch
YOU SURE LOOK BORED ON SUNDAYS WITH NO TUTORING TO DO FOR KAZUSHI KUN
WOW. KYOHEI
SURE
?
LIM
...HUH? THAT WAS KIND OF QUICK
MOM... IN OTHER WORDS ARE YOU TELLING ME I SHOULD GET A GIRLFRIEND?
munch
THEY'RE MOVING!
OHHHH YES!
SPEAKING OF WHICH
twitch
TO AMERICA, IT SEEMS
HIS FAMILY

FWSHH...
HUH?
HIS FATHER'S MADE HIM TAKE A COMPREHENSIVE IQ TEST AND EVERYTHING. HE'S PUTTING A LOT INTO KAZUSHI-KUN'S EDUCATION.
HE WAS ACTUALLY A SMART KID, YOU KNOW.
I HEARD THAT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, HE GOT NOTHING BUT PERFECT SCORES, AND WAS TOP OF THE CLASS IN HIS CRAM SCHOOL.
BUT, REALLY, I WONDER WHAT HE WAS THINKING?
BECAUSE IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT— HE NEVER NEEDED TUTORING FROM ME, DID HE?
OMIGOD. LIKE, HE'S HERE. GUNI

...
RIGHT? RIGHT? ISN'T HE CUTE?
YOU KNOW HE'S KIND OF MY TYPE.
OH, MINE TOO
Stare
I DIDN'T THINK HE'D ACTUALLY COME EVERY DAY.
I'VE BEEN PRETENDING NOT TO NOTICE, BUT I CAN'T HANDLE IT ANY LONGER...
NOOO
MAYBE HE'S HERE TO SEE SOMEONE THAT WORKS HERE?
HASN'T HE BEEN COMING HERE EVERY DAY FOR A WEEK NOW?
WHAT'S HE HAVE TO DO WITH THE WARD OFFICE?
NO WAAAAAY--
BUT I DUNNO LIKE YOU THINK I HAVE A CHANCE?
...
giggle giggle
BUT, IT'S TRUE HE'S GROWN INTO QUITE A GUY.
HE'S TALLER THAN ME NOW, AND WELL-BUILT.
STILL EXPRESSIONLESS AS EVER THOUGH.
...IT'S TROUBLE FOR ME IF YOU KEEP COMING HERE EVERY DAY WHEN YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS HERE.

I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW...
BUT I DON'T GIVE UP TOO EASILY.
HIS PERSONALITY
HASN'T CHANGED EITHER...
AREN'T YOU STILL 19?
DID YOU QUIT UNIVERSITY OVER THERE AND COME BACK?
EVER HEARD OF AN "ACCELERATED PROGRAM"?
OHHHH... I SEE I SEE
YOU'VE FINISHED GRADUATE SCHOOL TOO UH-HUH, OKAY
OH
OHHH...
EVER HEARD OF AN "ACCELERATED PROGRAM"?
I SEE I SEE
THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST GO INTO GRADUATE SCHOOL WHILE YOU WERE AT IT?
HEY...
...HE'S TOO SMART FOR HIS OWN GOOD...

WHY DO YOU KEEP AVOIDING ME?
HAVE I DONE SOMETHING BAD?
YOU PRETENDED TO BE STUPID FOR 6 YEARS, AND SHAMELESSLY TOOK OVER MY SUNDAYS. DON'T YOU FEEL GUILTY?
OH... YOU'RE STILL ANGRY ABOUT THAT?
NO
IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO AND BESIDES...
IT WAS JUST A CHILDISH LIE...
W
E-BUT
OTHER THAN THAT...
ONE MORE THING...
THAT...
WHAT?
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE TIME I KISSED YOU AGAINST YOUR WILL?
DAMN IT...

HE ACTS LIKE IT WAS NOTHING
LONG TIME NO SEE
AN-CHAN
HEY
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU
HEY
AN-CHAN, DO YOU...
Turn
AM I THE ONLY ONE THAT GOT ALL WORKED UP OVER IT?
IF IT'S ABOUT YOU MOVING TO THE STATES,
I ALREADY KNOW

WAS IT SO DEGRADING TO FIND OUT THE STUPID KID YOU'VE BEEN TEACHING IS ACTUALLY SMARTER THAN YOU?
IS THAT WHY YOU'RE ANGRY?
I GUESS YOU ALREADY KNOW I'VE BEEN FAILING MY TESTS ON PURPOSE
OKAY THEN,
WHO'S THE ONE DOING THE DEGRADING?
YOU WERE LAUGHING INSIDE WEREN'T YOU SEEING ME SO FULL OF MYSELF WHEN I WAS TEACHING YOU!?
YOU SHOULDN'T TEASE GROWN-UPS LIKE THAT
YOU THOUGHT ALL MY LIES
WERE JUST TO TEASE YOU?

HUH?
flush
!!
CLOSE
I LOVED YOU, YOU KNOW.
BYE, AN-CHAN

I SEE...
HE WAS TEASING ME AGAIN?
I FEEL LIKE AN IDIOT, FOR TAKING IT SERIOUSLY
SCROUNGE
HM?
I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS SUCH A SHOCK TO YOU.
WELL, I GUESS IF IT WAS YOUR FIRST AND IT WAS WITH A GUY, AND A MIDDLE-SCHOOLER TO BOOT.
...
WHAT'S THIS?
?
MY CONTACT INFO
MY ADDRESS AND MY CELL NUMBER
sniffle
THE OFFICE'S REGISTRATION FORM
I WANTED TO GO BACK TO THAT ROOM BESIDE YOURS, AN-CHAN
BUT THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE LIVING THERE, RIGHT?
SO I GOT A ROOM IN THE NEW CONDO ACROSS THE STREET
HEY IT IS BESIDE MY PLACE
BUT WHY WOULD HE BOTHER...
NAGATOMO-SAN.

HUH?
UMMMM, DO YOU MIND?
I'M SORRY FOR, LIKE, DISTURBING YOU—
YOU KNOW, ABOUT THE SOCIAL NEXT WEEK...
WE CAN'T, LIKE, GET ENOUGH GUYS TOGETHER, SO...
ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN'T COME, NAGATO-MO-SAN?
WHAT CHANGED HER MIND?
...WELL... I'VE FINISHED MOST OF WHAT I HAD TO DO...
I GUESS I CAN MAKE IT...
OH REALLY? OMIGOD THAT'S GREAAAT—
OH!
ARE YOU LIKE HIS YOUNGER BROTHER OR SOMETHING?
YOU DON'T LOOK ALIKE AT ALL!
!
WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME THE TRUTH, GIRL...
USED ME AS BAIT TO...
UH... I GUESS I'M SOMETHING LIKE THAT
OMIGOD REALLY? THEN HIS RELATIVE OR UNDERCLASSMAN OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
I WAS JUST WONDERING, YOU KNOW, IF YOU COULD, LIKE, COME AS WELL? ♡

I'VE BEEN LIVING IN THE STATES SO I'M CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT A SOCIAL IS LIKE IN JAPAN
YOU WON'T MIND IF I GO AND NOT DRINK, DO YOU?
YAY!!
OH NO YOU DON'T!
HE'S STILL 19 SO I WOULDN'T APPROVE OF HIM DRINKING UNDERAGE YOU KNOW.
WHAAAAAT?
YOU'RE SO STIFF, NAGATO-SAN!
IZAKAYA KABA
SINCE WHEN DID THEY GET A GUY LIKE THAT!?
HE'S JUST RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS RIGHT? IS HE A COLLEGE STUDENT?
OMIGOD HE'S SOOO GOOD-LOOKING!
HE CAN PROBABLY SPEAK FLUENT ENGLISH
IS HE REALLY 19?

YOU CAN ACCELERATE IN GRADES OVER THERE
HUH?
BUT YOU'RE 18, RIGHT?
NO I'VE GRADUATED MONTH I'LL BE WORKING AT A COMPANY HERE
OHHH
YOU'RE STILL 18 RIGHT KAZUSHI-KUN? SO YOU'RE IN UNIVERSITY?
HEY
I TOLD HIM TO WEAR A SUIT AND IT ONLY TURNED OUT FOR THE WORSE
HE LOOKS GOOD IN IT TOO DAMN IT'S NOT FAIR!
I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN
glance
WHAT!? A PHARMA?
I COULD HAVE DONE A POST-DOCTORATE IN THE STATES AS WELL
A PHARMACEUTICALS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
WHICH COMPANY?
WOW SO YOU'RE REALLY SMART!?
THAT COMPANY'S HUGE!
WHY IS THIS GUY HERE ?
smile
THE ONLY REASON WHY I'M HERE IS BECAUSE I KNEW SHE WAS COMING TOO
SHE'S SO MODEST COMPARED TO THE OTHER WOMEN...
CUTE
KAYANO-SAN IN GENERAL AFFAIRS
GOOD
SHE DOESN'T SEEM INTERESTED IN KAZUSHI AT ALL

NOO I DON'T
ME NEITHER
ANYONE HAVE SOMETHING TO SEW WITH?
OH THIS BUTTON'S COMING LOOSE
HELLO A TABLE FOR HOW MANY?
ONE DRAFT BEER COMING UP!
WHAT!?
OH, REALLY?
MAYBE I'LL ASK HER, THEN
HUH!? WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT!?
I THINK I HAVE...
UM! I...
OH, WAIT A SEC.
SHOULD I SEW IT ON FOR YOU...?
I HAVE SOMETHING
AT LEAST TAKE OFF THE FRIGGIN' JACKET!!
DO IT YOURSELF
Snatched away from under your nose

NO
I LIKE WATCHING YOU DO IT BECAUSE YOU'RE A GROWN MAN AND IT'S FUNNY WATCHING YOU DO NEEDLEWORK
JUST ASK MY MOM TO!
WHY DO YOU WANT ME TO DO IT?
GEEZ, KAZUSHI
HE USED TO BEG ME TO ALL THE TIME WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER
BUT NOW HE'S GOT A GIRL SO HE DOESN'T NEED ME ANYMORE, HUH?
grumble
AND WHAT NOW? "MAYBE I'LL ASK HER"?
THAT'S NOT THE ONLY REASON I ASK YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE GOOD AT IT
WHAT A NICE PERSONALITY YOU'VE GOT HM?
UH-HUH.
TOILET
SHIT! KAZUSHI THAT IDIOT!!
I SOUND LIKE SOME WOMAN WHO'S BEEN DUMPED!
HMM? HE'S GOT A GIRL SO ??
TSUNAMI
NO PROBLEM

THERE YOU ARE.
YOU'RE DRUNK.
Hic
I THINK I DRANK TOO MUCH...
Wash
I LOOK LIKE A MONKEY
crack
NO UNDERAGE SMOKING OR DRINKING.
WHO LECTURED ME ABOUT THAT ENDLESSLY WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, AN-CHAN?
YOU'RE SLURRING
WHA...YA NOT GONNA DRINK...?
SHADDUP, YA MAN-HÔ...
YOU CAME FOR HER BUT I STOLE HER ATTENTION
AND NOW YOU'RE DRINKING YOUR MISERIES AWAY?
HUH
SO HE'S ACTUALLY BEEN ABIDING BY THAT SERIOUSLY
HM
I GUESS YER RIGHT
Hic

WHAT
ARE YOU TELLING ME
JUST LOOK AT HER STUFF. ALL EXPENSIVE BRAND-NAME
HE KNEW THAT I LIKED HER, AND HE DID THIS ON PURPOSE...?
SHE PROBABLY WHEEDLES GIFTS OUT OF MEN
AND WHEN I INVITED HER TO A HOTEL JUST NOW...
SHE SEEMED PRETTY HAPPY TO COME ALONG
FWSHHH...
KAYANO-SAN, RIGHT? SHE'S NOT THE KIND OF GIRL YOU THINK SHE IS, AN-CHAN
SURE SHE ACTS INNOCENT, BUT ARE YOU SURE SHE'S NOT SLEEPING AROUND?
WHAT?
squeak
SLASH

I'M TIRED OF YOUR LIES
SURE YOU HAVE THE EDUCATION AND THE LOOKS
BUT INSIDE, YOU HAVEN'T GROWN UP AT ALL
SHE WOULD NEVER SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT
shake
THE PURSE AND WATCH SHE HAS ARE FROM ME
SO SHE'S NOT WHEEDLING FOR GIFTS
AND...

THAT'S WHAT WHEE-- DLING IS...!!
Whish
THAT BITCH...!!
HUH?
KAZUSHI!?
SOB

ARE YOU SHOCKED?
DO I WANT ANYTHING? WELL, LET'S SEE...

I THINK I WANT TO STAY HOME, THOUGH.
MMM...
A HOTEL?
HUH? TONIGHT--?
...
MY MOTHER'S STAYING OVER...
...YEAH.
NOOO, I CAN'T DO TONIGHT...

YOU KNOW ONCE YOU'RE 36 LIKE ME...
YOU LEARN TO GIVE UP LOVE EASILY
BUT...
NO...
NOT REALLY...
WELL, NOW I KNOW I'M TRICKED REALLY EASILY
KEEP WATCHING.
Slip
WHEN I TOLD YOU I LOVED YOU THAT DAY, I WASN'T LYING.
...JUST BELIEVE THIS ONE THING
KAZUSHI...?

...WAS ALL SO YOU WOULD PAY ATTENTION TO ME
AN-CHAN, THE REASON WHY I PRETENDED TO BE STUPID SO YOU COULD LOOK OVER MY WORK

WHO DID YOU CALL JUST NOW?
MY MOM
UM
I BUMPED INTO THE WAITER AND HE SPILLED WATER ALL OVER ME
KAZUSHI-KUN!
WHAT'S WRONG!? YOU'RE ALL WET!
KAYA-NO-SAN
OH REALLY? THAT'S GOOD
Y-YEAH ♡
SO HE ACTUALLY INVITED HER TO A HOTEL
I TOLD HER I WASN'T GOING TO BE COMING HOME TONIGHT
N-NO! NO, IT'S FINE!
I GUESS YOU'D BETTER BE GOING HOME SOON, THEN?
WEE!

I CAN TELL
WHETHER PEOPLE SEW REGULARLY OR NOT
KAYANO-SAN, YOU DON'T SEW MUCH, DO YOU?
HUH?
?
YOU THINK YOU CAN FOOL PEOPLE WITH YOUR LOOKS
WHAT A STUPID GIRL
WHOA!
OH WAIT, I KNOW
YOU WERE CARRYING THAT NEEDLE TO POKE HOLES IN THE CONDOMS, WEREN'T YOU?

stagger
OW'N
WHAT A SURPRISE
TO THINK
I WOULD NEVER HAVE FIGURED
THAT I WOULD FEEL SAVED BY HIS SNIDE REMARKS
KAZUSHI
I'M SORRY
THANK YOU
AN-CHAN
I'M COLD
DO THEY HAVE THE HEAT ON?
SHIVER
SHIVER
MAKE IT BETTER.

ANY MORE AND IT'LL GO IN A BAD DIRECTION, RIGHT...? RIGHT?

I CAN GO HOME NOW, RIGHT...?

fidget

fidget

click

flinch

MAKE IT BETTER...

I'M LETTING HIM USE THE HOTEL SHOWER, AND I'VE SENT HIS SUIT TO GET DRY-CLEANED. THAT'S ENOUGH, RIGHT...?

WSHHHH

throb

throb

throb

throb

throb

throb

stiffen

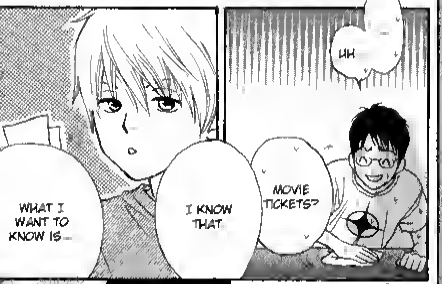
slam...

I MISSED MY CHANCE TO LEAVE

Mwahahaha!
OR ELSE IT JUST LOOKS LIKE I'M EXPECTIN SOMETHING
TOMATO RED
...S...SAY SOMETHING!
MWA-HA-HOU?
Yank
YOUR BIG EARS ARE ALL RED WHAT'RE YOU THINKING ABOUT AN-CHAN?
"HIDE YOUR HEAD AND YOU FORGET TO HIDE YOUR TAIL."
HIDE YOUR FACE, AND YOU FORGET TO HIDE YOUR EARS
"A PROVERB DESCRIBING BEING SO INTENT ON HIDING THE MOST OBVIOUS PART OF YOUR BODY THAT YOU GIVE YOURSELF AWAY WITH ANOTHER"
TH—
THAT'S DIFF...
I SAID MAKE IT BETTER.
MM!
W-WAIT A SEC!
I DIDN'T STAY TO
AHH!
bite

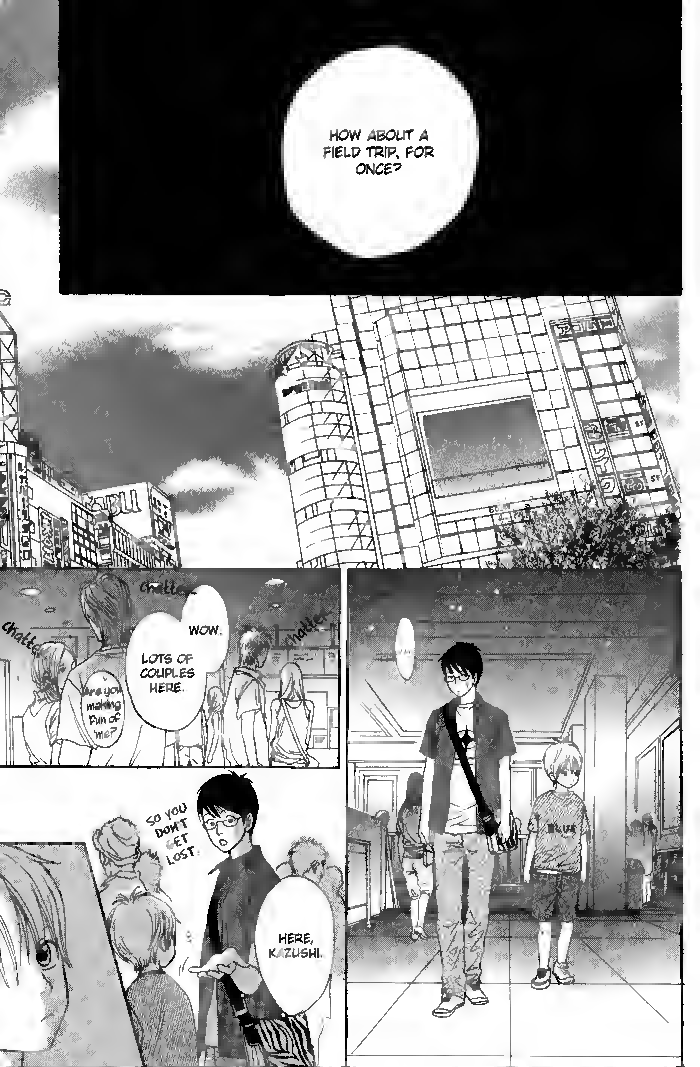
HEY,
DO YOU KNOW WHY I AGREED SO EASILY TO GO TO CRAM SCHOOL THAT TIME?
HUH?
N... NO...
IF YOU KEPT TUTORING ME IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, IN-CHAN, I WOULD PROBABLY...
!
UWAH!
LOSE MY COOL
AND END UP DOING SOMETHING LIKE
W-W-W-WHOA!!
DON'T TOUCH...
CHUCK
I HAD TO RESTRAIN MYSELF A LOT TO KEEP FROM JUMPING YOU. I THINK I DESERVE SOME PRAISE
AH!
-UH-OH-
SHIT I'M STARTING TO GET THE URGE
OHHH I SEE I SEE
RIGHT. SO IF THIS IS 21 AND THIS IS 7 THEN YOU GET 50 RIGHT?
End

MANHOOD CHILD



WHY DO YOU HAVE TWO OF THEM? AND ALSO...
I WANT TO KNOW WHETHER SOMEONE LIKE YOU, AH-CHAN, CAN EVEN STAY AWAKE THROUGH A SOPHISTICATED ROMANTIC MOVIE LIKE "BECAUSE YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL".
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!!

A GUY WHO LOVES COLLECTING RANDOM ROBOT FIGURINES WATCHING A LOVE STORY BETWEEN TWO HUMANS, HUH... I SEE...
STAR W*RS FANBOY
I THOUGHT YOU WERE ONLY INTERESTED IN MACHINES
DON'T DISS R2 AND 3PO, ALRIGHT!?
HEY!!
IT'S AN EPIC SERIES!!
AND
DON'T THOSE TICKETS EXPIRE TODAY?
HAVEN'T YOU GOT SOMEPLACE TO BE INSTEAD OF TUTORING SOME KID LIKE ME?
CORRECT IN EVERY SENSE.
YOU GOT AS FAR AS ASKING THE GIRL OUT TO A MOVIE BUT YOU WERE TURNED DOWN AND YOU'VE JUST LEFT IT AT THAT
FROM MY GUESS...
WELL...
THAT'S RIGHT!
DOME TEASING ME NOW?
SNIFF


HOW ABOUT A FIELD TRIP, FOR ONCE?
chatter
chatter
chatter
WOW.
LOTS OF COUPLES HERE.
Are you making fun of me?
SO YOU DON'T GET LOST.
HERE, KAZUSHI.

WHISTLE
WHERE DID I GO WRONG?
GEEZ. TALKS BACK TO EVERY THING
I DON'T HAVE A HANDKERCHIEF. -.-
HANDWASHING SHOULD BE A REGULAR HABIT! GEEZ...
USE THE HAND DRYER.
IT DOESN'T DRY FAST ENOUGH.
EWW!!
I DIDN'T WASH MY HANDS AFTER USING THE WASHROOM. BUT IF YOU DON'T MIND...
GERMOPHOBE
NOW AIRING "BECAUSE YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL".
chatter
chatter
chatter
I don't understand what you're saying.

zzzzzz
zzzzzz
zzzzzz
NOT TO MENTION HE'S CHOSEN SUB-TITLES OVER DUBS TO MAKE HIMSELF LOOK
zzzzzz
zzzzzz
zzzzzz
AND WE'RE NOT EVEN 20 MINUTES IN
BLUE
I'm not the same man as before
Stop treating me like a kid.
You knew, didn't you?
How I've been feeling about you all this time.

Your hands.
They're so big now.

Anthony
...
BLUE
You've become a man.

IT WAS PRETTY INTERESTING.
HUH?
Y-YEAH
HONK
chatter
clamor

OH...
HUH!?
AN-CHAN
YOUR HAIR IS STICKING UP.
YEAH ...

End

AFTERWORD

Whether it's your first time reading my work or whether you've been following my other works as well, thank you for taking the time to pick up this book.

Admist all the ups and downs, I'm surprised to realize this is already my fifth book. This series, by the way, will be spanning two volumes. This story, serialized in Shousetsu Chocolat, encountered a lot of problems (really, I thought I was cursed with something).
But I just told myself it was another challenge and it didn't feel so bad.
Come to think of it, it's been three years since I released my last comic. What have I been doing with myself?

But anyway, on the topic of the second volume —— a lot of the material in it will be newly written (previously unpublished). I'll finally be able to wrap up the rest of the story, including things that I wasn't able to expand on while it was running in the magazine.
This is all thanks to everyone's cooperation and encouragement.
I hope to hang in there for a little more until this is done, so please look on me kindly.

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DR. UZUKI WHO WORKS AT A UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL COMES ACROSS A MAN IN AN ALLEY AND SAVES THE YAKUZA MEMBER NONAMI AFTER HE'S BEEN SHOT. THE NEXT DAY WHEN NONAMI SHOWS UP AT THE HOSPITAL, UZUKI IS SCARED THAT HE S COME TO MAKE SURE OF HIS SILENCE ABOUT THE GUNSHOT WOUND.

BUT ACTUALLY NONAMI WHO MISHEARD UZUKI'S NAME AND HAS MISTAKEN HIM FOR A WOMAN NAMED SUZUKI HAS FORCED A YOUNGER YAKUZA BROTHER INTO BEING ADMITTED INTO THE HOSPITAL. IN ORDER TO FIND THIS WOMAN THEY START TO SEARCH FOR THIS 'SUZUKI'...

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AT LONG LAST I HAVE FINALLY MADE MY DEBUT I ONLY MOVED ON FROM BEING PURELY AN ANALOG PERSON WITH DIFFICULTY

THE FLOW OF TIME MOVES QUICKLY. DOESN'T IT.

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AKIRA HONMA PRESENTS "USAGI-OTOKO TORA-OTOKO"

#1
Nyaga
#2
#3
Meow!
What the heck - you're totally gone into animal mode!
NOM
NOM
These are the kittens I've picked up since I've started this manga
(About a year old)

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